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P-NOY'S QUOTE OF THE YEAR (I): "From what I understand of what [former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo] said, I am different from her. And because she said that, I should thank her. That is the biggest compliment anybody can get—that I am her complete opposite." The many faces of President Benigno Simeon Aquino III are chronicled anew by Inquirer photographers throughout his first year in office.

Webbs: Stop lies, lunacy

De Lima could face disbarment

By Tina G. Santos

HUBERT WEBB is considering filing a case to disbar Justice Secretary Leila de Lima for "subversion of the rule of law" by questioning his ailment that led the Supreme Court to acquit him in the gruesome Vizconde massacre 20 years ago today.

"What she has done is not only actionable in terms of violation of the contempt by the Supreme Court but an outright dishonest move. And this is one of the agencies we are presently evaluating," said Jose Luis Agustin, one of Webb's lawyers.

Webb, 42, and "real, cruel" people were not to ruin his life again.

"We better stop this history, dear Jun," he stressed in Filipino. "Have pity not on us but on your others."

During a press conference at a Makati City restaurant yesterday, Webb's family and lawyers slammed De Lima and the National Bureau of Investigation.

WEBBS, A10

CLOSE JUNE! Former Sen. Freddie Webb with son Hubert and wife Elizabeth say they had to speak up during a press conference in Makati City on Wednesday because "in this country, silence is a sign of guilt."

Palace: DOJ chief fair; Vizconde: Truth hurts

By Norman Bordadora, Cathy Yamsuan and Marlon Ramos

MALACAÑANG is standing by Justice Secretary Leila de Lima and her findings that oligarchs shattered Hubert Webb's alibi so he was in the United States when the Vizconde massacre happened—an alibi that led to his acquittal by the Supreme Court.

De Lima on Tuesday announced the result of the investigation ordered by President Aquino and conducted by the National Bureau of Investigation that prompted criticism.

PALACE, A10

Pajero bishops mum; some solons also got PCSO funds

By TJ Burgonio, Leila B. Salaverria and Inquirer Bureaus

RISING from the resignation of several bishops to a call for them to confess that they were gifted with Mitsubishi Pajeros from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) during the Arroyo administration.

Those who have issued denials were bishops who did not get a vehicle from the charity agency.

Governor Bataan's lawsuit yesterday said he and Bataan Congress El had obtained documents showing that four bishops and several congressmen benefited from PCSO funds.

Lucero said the documents showed that the bishops re-

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Confidence

EDITORIAL

A FULL YEAR after President Aquino took his oath of office, two important sets of numbers seem to tell a story of decline. The surveys show an erosion in his popularity; GDP figures indicate a slowing down in economic growth. But in fact the same numbers demonstrate the strength of both the support for the President's electoral mandate and of development in the economy which began last year. We should not allow the expectedly contentious cast of public discourse in the immediate post-Arroyo years to desensitize us to the nuances of achievement.

CONFIDENCE, A-12

'Youthful, upbeat' rites mark P-Noy's 1st year

By Christine O. Avendaño

EXACTLY a year after he was sworn into office, President Aquino is just as determined to push his promise of reform and is expected to rally the people, including the opposition, to continue to back him and his programs, Malacañang said yesterday.

But Malacañang also said that even if it was working apart from the opposition, it had not wavered in its stand of "reconciliation with justice" with its political rivals, including the camp of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

A "watchful, festive and upbeat" celebration is planned to

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Aquino scores 'majority approval ratings' / A-11

People elected 'a big mistake,' says Lagman / A6

25 killed in Davao flash flood

By Inquirer Mindanao

DAVAO'S 'ONDOY' A vehicle lies in a ditch after it was dragged by rampaging waters caused by 3 days of heavy rains in Davao City

DAVAO CITY—In the middle of darkness, young couple Roger Delcano and his wife Rachel paddled through the floodwater, desperate to bring themselves and their 3-month-old son, Noah Louie, to safety.

They paddled anything that floated to help them through the flood. A banana trunk led them through a fruit tree across the rumbling river. They never thought they would survive but clinging to the tree gave little relief, Rachel said.

"Our baby was crying and he was unstoppable," she said.

Hour hours later, the crying

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Water hyacinth: From bane to boon

FROM MUSINGS to means of livelihood.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) has started a program to train Cotabato City residents to make products out of water hyacinth, considered the city's scourge.

Thick mats of water hyacinth blocked the flow of the Rio Grande River, causing flooding in large swaths of the city.

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Witness tags Ampatuan Sr.

Former aide says patriarch ordered all Mangudadatus killed

By Philip C. Tubeza

"YES NA YES sa yes."

Pointing an accusing finger, a key state witness yesterday positively identified in court former Maguindanao Gov. Andal Ampatuan Sr. as the person who ordered the 2009 massacre of 57 people, including 32 media workers, in what was regarded as the worst political killing in the country.

In heated proceedings live-streamed for the first time on the Internet, Lakmudin Sulao also tagged Andal Jr.'s son Sajid and—to the surprise of many inside the courtroom—lawyer Jeer Lucero Ilas, Sajid's counsel, as among those present when the conspirators allegedly planned the murders.

The prosecution also claimed that the Maguindanao warlord offered a P5-million bribe to Sulao in February for him to arrest Bernard Ampatuan.

ANDAL AMPATUAN SR.

"Yes, he was the one who ordered that all the people ... the Mangudadatus (the Ampatuans' rival clan) be killed," Sulao said, referring to the man whom the witness said he once served as a close aide.

He repeatedly answered yes when asked if it was the same Andal Jr. who led the planning of the Nov. 23, 2009 carnage.

Many in the courtroom audience stood up to watch as Sulao briefly left the stand and walked toward his former boss.

Sulao took his time, stopped when one moved from where Andal Sr. sat, then pointed to his previous aide.

Then, without being asked, he said: "Sajid was also present at the meeting." He was referring to the Ampatuan scion who was then seated next to the father.

Sajid, who has not been arraigned, attended yesterday's hearing to seek bail.

Sulao's statement set off a barrage of objections from defense lawyers led by Sajid's lawyer, who argued that the witness was only interested to identify the accused and not to say anything while doing so.

"Why is the prosecutor shooting at me?" Portia said at one point in the heated exchange.

Defense maneuver

Portia earlier tried to prevent Sulao from making the positive identification by stipulating that Sulao had already cited the same person in a testimony he gave in September last year.

It was the same maneuver Sultan made last year when Sulao was about to identify another Ampatuan son and co-accused, Anwar Jr. The prosecutors then agreed to the stipulation.

Sulao also identified Sajid's lawyer Ilas, who was seated beside his client, as among those present in the meeting.

"Si Attorney He's the brother of Sajid's wife. He was also there," Sulao said, drawing a wave of murmurs from the gallery and another round of objections from the defense panel.

"(Ilas) is not even included among the accused and yet look at what the witness did," Portia said. "This just shows the quality of the witness ... what he is capable of doing."

But private prosecutor Harry Roque countered that Sulao's statement should remain on record because the victims' relatives would demand facts inclusive to the charge sheet.

Officer of the court

"He's an officer of the court and yet he was present at the planning of these murders... It's a good thing that we have that (Supreme Court) Court Administrator is present (in here this)," Roque said.

He was referring to Supreme Court spokesperson Midas Marquez, who was in court to oversee the test run of the trial's live-stream broadcast on the high court's website.

Facing reporters after the hearing, Sultan said: "I am happy that I was finally able to point to the person who is a criminal."

"My wife and I are looking at each other as if we were playing a game," he added.

Sultan was also supposed to testify that, on Feb. 28 this year, Andal Jr. offered him P5 million in exchange for his retraction.

'Allowance'

But Judge Reyes held off the narration of the alleged bribery attempt. This was in view of a pending defense motion appealing the court's June 6 ruling which allowed testimonies presenting the overt acts by the three men as a way to prove the element of conspiracy among the accused.

Still, Lanzet pointed out to the court that Sulao once had a pantawag receipt for the P30,000 "allowance" he got from the Ampatuans.

Earlier on Wednesday, two relatives of the journalists killed in the massacre asked the Supreme Court to lift restrictions on the live media coverage of the trial, particularly the ban on commercials and running commentary.

Editha Tamayo and Glenda Leguata also urged the court to reconsider its ban on trailers.

"With due respect, [the] guidelines (set) by the court are somehow banned restrictions constituting prior restraint," the widows said in a 25-page petition.

At the Manila Regional Trial Court, Branch 26, Judge Gloria Pampilo dismissed Andal Jr.'s petition seeking the inclusion of Kerwin Pedrosa, an alleged massacre gunman who had turned state witness.

Pampilo maintained that determining who should be charged in court was "an executive function," noting that the Department of Justice had already admitted Pedrosa into its Witness Protection Program.

"The court has no power or prerogative to intervene with the functions of the executive department to decide whom to prosecute," the judge said. MMB reports from Mayvin Barroso and Jaymee T. Gamil

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Labor chief allays OFWs' fears of 'Saudization'

By Jerome Aning

THE Department of Labor and Employment yesterday allayed fears of overseas Filipino workers and their families about a new Saudi Arabia policy aimed at limiting the number of migrant laborers employed by private companies there.

But though the new policy was "far more far-reaching" about 50,000 OFWs working in small establishments could be affected and sent home, Labor Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said in a statement.

Baldoz said the new localization program...[seems as unique (terms or target in Arabic)—may have "only very minimal impact" on prospective OFWs who would like to work in Saudi Arabia and on OFWs who are already there.

The OFWs who are employed by small establishments may be the most likely to be laid off, she said.

"If this would be the case, we estimate that some 50,000 cleaners, guards and warehouse/construction workers, and other low-skilled types of laborers would be affected," she said.

"However, we will not have an accurate picture until after the completion of the categorization on Aug. 30," Baldoz clarified.

She explained that the nitaqat is one of the number of measures that the Saudi government is implementing "in order to improve the work environment, labor productivity, employment stability, justice and transparency" in the kingdom.

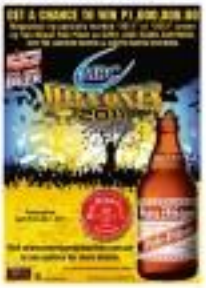
Under the nitaqat, the Saudi labor ministry would classify 100,000 Saudi companies into four categories, namely, excellent and green (complying companies) and yellow and red (noncomplying companies), each of which will be required to employ a minimum number of Saudi citizens based on company size and the occupations of the employees or workers.

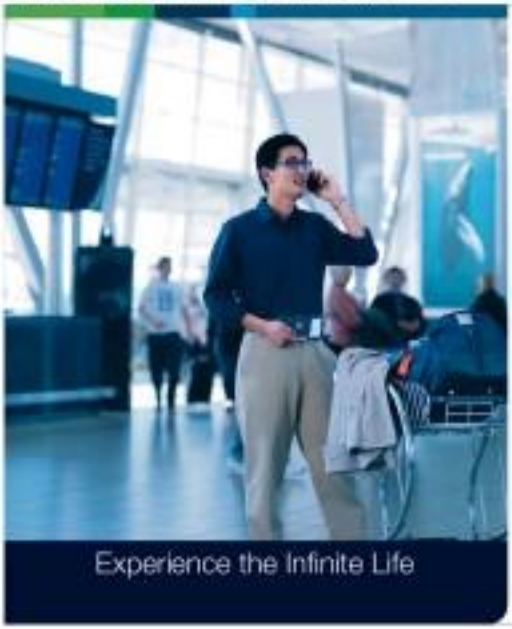
The deadline for the completion of the categorization of Saudi companies is Aug. 30.

The Nitaqat Classification Committee, a tripartite workers advocacy group, was chosen about Baldoz's appeal to downplaying of the effects of the new policy.

The group's president, Susan Ople, noted that the 50,000 OFW estimated figure might be affected by the nitaqat is bigger than the number of workers repatriated from Libya, Egypt and Tunisia during the turmoil there.

She called on the DOLE to start briefing families with OFWs in Saudi Arabia about the nitaqat system to allay fear and confusion.





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Being in the limelight entails celebrities to take extra measures in caring for their skin. But in the quest to maintain youthful looking skin, there are those who prefer to take the non-invasive, non-surgical approach. Celebrities Agot Isidro, Cherie Gil and Patty Betita share how they remain effortlessly ageless and naturally beautiful at any age. Their age-erasing secret? **Facial Care Centre.**

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PH calls for joint cooperation in Spratlys

By Jerry E. Esplanada

THE PHILIPPINES has appealed anew to the five other Spratlys claimant countries to seriously consider its proposal to transform the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) "from a zone of dispute into a zone of peace, freedom, friendship and cooperation."

In a statement, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) yesterday said it was "imperative for concerned parties to take concrete steps to ease tension in the area through dialogue and diplomacy."

Common Asean stand

Aside from the Philippines, the Spratly islands are also being claimed wholly or in part by China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam.

Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario earlier met with diplomats from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), whom he asked to "take a common position and, as a family of nations, together, work out common approaches in addressing challenges."

Del Rosario called the meeting to "brief the Asean ambassadors on his proposal for a "sudu-kunti – regime," under which disputed territories can be designated as a joint cooperation area among their claimants.

Del Rosario emphasized that having the countries' waters into a "zone of peace, freedom, friendship and cooperation was a key to "advancing a peaceful settlement of disputes."

Meanwhile, the DFA welcomed the "unanimous approval" by the US Senate of its resolution on the Spratlys.

"It supports the Philippine government's proposal for the multilateralized peaceful resolution of competing claims in the disputed areas of the West Philippine Sea ... Mr. Sarah (Democratic) Senator Jim Webb and (Republican) Senator Jim Inhofe for sponsoring the resolution," said Foreign Assistant Secretary J. Edmund Abaya, also DFA spokesperson.

Use of force

On Monday, the US Senate deplored China's "use of force" in the West Philippine Sea.

It is resolution, it urged peaceful resolution of territorial disputes in the area, and to AFP report.

The measure was adopted in response to recent incidents involving Chinese vessels and those of the Philippines and Vietnam, which also claim disputed islands in the potentially resource-rich waters.

But China on Wednesday reiterated that it has "indisputable sovereignty" over islands in the South China Sea after the US pledged to help the Philippines, which has its own claims in the area.

A spokesperson for China's Taiwan Affairs Office, Yang Yi, also reiterated the government position that safeguarding the sovereignty of the area's potentially resource-rich islets was a "common responsibility" for Beijing and Taipei.

"China has indisputable sovereignty over the South China Sea islands and their surrounding waters," Yang told reporters, according to an official transcript.

China has insisted it wants to resolve the territorial dispute peacefully but reiterated him is in claims to most of the South China Sea, even waters within the Philippines' exclusive economic zone.

US 'meddling'

Referring to what China considers meddling by Washington, ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said the other five South China Sea disputes should be resolved peacefully through talks between "directly concerned parties."

"Efforts without a direct stake should respect the efforts made by these directly concerned to resolve South China Sea disputes through dialogue and in a peaceful manner," Hong also said, adding "the relevant countries should refrain from [f]elements doesn't help worry."

On Tuesday, the US and the Philippines launched joint naval exercises in Philippine waters close to the much contested South China Sea.

The commander of the US 7th Fleet, Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk, described Amphibex and the Philippines as "allies" and said "that is the strongest and most enduring commitment the two nations can make."

The annual exercise, undeterred by a deep and abiding US interest in the freedom and security of the Republic of the Philippines," he added. With a report from AFP

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IN THE SAME ISSUE, a story on Wapi Mi...."In case of fire, trust"...inadvertently omitted the last digit of the short messaging service number of the Bureau of Fire Protection and TETFHI Philippines Foundation Inc. The public can text the exact location of a fire to 09178-688-8888.

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The Daily Gospel

JUNE 30 (Thursday)
Psalm: Week 1
First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1st Reading Gen 22:1-19

God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he answered, "Here I am." Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering..." Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey and took with him two of his young men and his son Isaac.... On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. And he said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there to worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac, his son. He carried in his hand the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke to Abraham, his father. "Father!" And Abraham replied, "Yes, my son?" Isaac said, "We have the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?" Abraham replied, "God himself will provide the lamb for the sacrifice." They went on, the two of them together, until they came to the place of which God had told him. There Abraham built an altar and set the wood on it. he bound his son Isaac and laid him on the wood placed on the altar. He then stretched out his hand to take the knife and slay his son. But the angel of Yahweh called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." "Do not lay your hand on the boy, or any harm him, for now I know that you are God-fearing (one), and you have not held back from me your only son."

Gospel Mt 9:1-8

Jesus got back into the boat, crossed the lake again, and came to his hometown. Then they brought to him a paralytic who was lying on a stretcher. Jesus saw their faith and said to the paralytic, "Courage, my son! Your sins are forgiven." Then some teachers of the Law said to themselves, "This man insults God!" Jesus was aware of what they were thinking, and said, "Why have you such evil thoughts? Which is easier to say: 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Stand up and walk?' You must know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." He then said to the paralytic, "Stand up! Take your stretcher and go home." The man got up and went home.

Reflection

Jesus saw "their" faith. He saw in front of a group that while [only] a personal adherence to Jesus, it is at the same time communal. The paralytic must now accept that only because he believed but also because of the faith of those who carried him to Jesus. This should teach us the value of true liking one another (and for truly sharing of the same faith with our brothers and sisters in community. The Lord constituted the Church as a community of faithful here on [the] earth not just from a simple sense where we can encounter and enrich one another in our pilgrimage to Him. To be with the Church, be loyal to her, to our community of faith.

(Source: Homilies for Weekdays, Vol. 3 Hymns & Prayers, Diocesan Shrine, Quezon City, Philippines, 2010; Quezon City, Ph. Text: NAB-RSV Catholic Edition. Commentary: Fr. Jerry Orbos, SVD, Divine Word Seminary, Tagaytay City, Philippines; Fr. Orbos' homilies may be accessed at http://www.lordsjesus.org/fr-orbos-homilies.html or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/1 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/2 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/3 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/4 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/5 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/6 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/7 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/8 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/9 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/10 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/11 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/12 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/13 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/14 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/15 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/16 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/17 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/18 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/19 or http://divinewordpreachers.multiply.com/journal/item/20 or

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People elected a 'big mistake,' says Lagman

THE PEOPLE made "a big mistake" in electing President Aquino in 2010, House Minority Leader Edcel Lagman said yesterday.

But while the people expect the economy and confidence in the government to skyrocket by the end of the President's term, they will not be sufficiently dissatisfied to oust him, Lagman said in a press conference at the House of Representatives.

"It would not seem to be a prophet of doom or purveyor of the downfall of this administration. If you consider the containment of the military and the patience of the Filipino people, it would take more than five years for them to make a radical uprising. By that time we will be in a good abyss," the lawmaker said.

According to Lagman, "the people should be prepared to expect the worst because their mistakes shows a lot big problem."

"Blunder begets disaster," he said. "It's a big mistake. You see now that the people really remembered their blunder. The economy is in bad shape. The President failed to deliver on his promises. Governance is really in bad shape. Corruption went up under his watch."

Lagman also said voters expected too much from Mr. Aquino because his slogans and promises during the election campaign "astounded and overshadowed his inadequacies."

"Who should have been elected? Most probably, anybody else but the incumbent, and one more who has been adjudged by the court as having committed a serious offense against the republic," Lagman said, referring to ousted President Joseph Estrada, a plunder convict who got the second biggest number of votes in the May 2010 presidential election.

Lagman said that "despite the President's eulogy in bad news, he must be made aware repeatedly that virtually all principal economic and social indicators are down, just like his plunging popularity and trust ratings."

The lawmaker also noted that Mr. Aquino "plants zero artificial savings and cash amounting to P1.6 billion, which is like drugs boiled up in a medicine cabinet while an epidemic rages."

Failing grade of 5

In a media forum at Aloha Hotel in Roxas, Manila, Lito Lapuz-Dagupan Archbishop Emeritus Oscar Cruz and Terry Ridon of the League of Filipino Students (LFS) gave the President a failing grade of 5 in his first year in office.

"We have been like this before. We are still the same," Cruz said in Filipino, adding that there had been no substantial change in the country's economic situation despite the change in leadership.

"In the past, the Philippines was second only to Japan. But if Pareng Harold maninipis water, then we could be one of them," he said in jest.

Cruz said democracy and poverty could not "go hand in hand."

"How can [a country] be free if [its people] have nothing to eat? How can [a country] be free if its people do not have shelters to stay in?" he said.

Asked what could be the possible solutions to these problems, Cruz mentioned three elements of effective leadership—integrity, competence and diligence.

Unfortunately, he said, some of the present and past two administrations had all three: Mr. Aquino's had integrity but not competence and diligence; Joseph Estrada's had diligence but not competence and integrity; and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's had competence and diligence but not integrity.

The LFS' Ridon cited rising unrest and Mr. Aquino's purported failure to address the crisis in education as some of the reasons a large portion of the youth sector lost confidence in his leadership.

Ridon questioned Mr. Aquino's alleged inaction and called on him to present a clear agenda and solutions to the problems confronting the country.

Student walkout

The Student Alliance for the Advancement of Democratic Rights (STAND) announced a plan to walk out of classes today and hold a protest rally to mark the President's first year in office.

"We will join students from other schools and universities to stage a walkout [on Thursday] and go to Mendiola [in Manila] to demonstrate our frustration," a student leader said in a forum sponsored by STAND at the Claro M. Recto Hall at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City.

The National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP) is part of the student walkout.

NUSP mentioned the cut in the budgets of state universities and colleges, continued rise in the prices of basic goods, low hikes but no wage increase, demolitions of urban poor homes, unfinished billings, unemployment, and the issue of Hacienda Luisita as among the reasons Mr. Aquino was getting a failing mark ("singko") for his performance in his first year in office.

"The price period is over. We wanted and we were frustrated. Before we have no qualms in proclaiming our verdict. Aquino's first year failed to live up to his promise of social change," another student leader said.

ANAKO head BS Tina said the President's followers should look beyond their being members of the "yellow fever" and give him their rightful assessment.

"We should look at how we are as a government. Enough with who is who ... It's time to work," Tina said in a mix of English and Filipino.

Posturing

But early 90s Aquino had not delivered change for the better. "His assessment is critical then, for we cannot be silent and passive about how our leaders rule the land. This is a grave sin to be committed in a time that warrants our participation in genuine social change."

The students also said "[Mr. Aquino's] posturing as a man of the masses—using Filipino in his speeches, his famous tan on the eve of wowpresong (stew)—reminds us the face of his economic policies and inaptnesses."

"His inaction [on Hacienda Luisita] betrays his shallow understanding of the problems of the Philippines as an agricultural country," they said.

They named "signs of weak leadership" in critical incidents that ruined the Aquino administration in its first year: the hostage crisis in August, problems concerning migrant workers in conflict areas in the Middle East and, most recently, flooding in Mindanao.

"The Aquino administration's policies and programs showed the contrary [failure] on the part of the state to provide the people's welfare," said NUSP secretary general Vencesao Faye Rollad.

She and students were "very disappointed" as here the administration had so far fared.

Gamaliel Garcia, University Student Council chair at UP Diliman said: "We have seen enough and what we have seen appalls us. But instead of listening to demands of the people, the Aquino administration resorts to lies, to work empty statements and hand and salvation. Pure populist lang ang ating ating ginawa [Pure populist is all we are doing]." *Reports from* Edu Cabuenagan Jr., Mariecris Joyce G. Bonoan-Dy, Marvin C. Carvajal *and* Steve Quismundo

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? A water hyacinth (right) is a free-floating plant while a water lily (above) is rooted in soil or bodies of water.

Water hyacinth: Bane, boon

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Tesda Director General Joel Villanueva said the agency would send instructors from Silliman to train for five days at least 25 people in Cotabato City on turning water hyacinth into products like bags, slippers and accessories.

The participants are expected to train associates, including people affected by massive flooding in some provinces around the Mindanao.

"Amid the calamity, we believe this training opportunity will give the people of Cotabato, especially those displaced by the flood, a ray of hope for livelihood opportunities to help them get back on their feet," Villanueva said in a statement.

He said the training would be conducted in Tesda centers in Cotabato City. Tesda has long been undertaking skills training using water lilies for handicrafts.

Livelihood training

"Tesda has a resource-based skills and livelihood training programs that it is now employing to help the Cotabato residents who have been affected by the flood," Villanueva said.

The official said Tesda would also help trainees gain government certification, usually required in job applications.

"Tesda's intervention does not stop at the training, but goes all the way to facilitating post-training activities such as assessment and certification of the graduates so that they can avail [themselves] of more permanent jobs in the future," Villanueva said.

Different from lily

Water hyacinth, a free-floating perennial weed-like plant, is often mistakenly called water lily.

Dr. Ma. Isabelle Ramirez-Mari Carillo, who grew up in Amanjan just a stone's throw away from a creek, says water hyacinth has seen an opaque-coloring on the genus *Pontederia*.

It has broad, thick, glossy, ovate leaves and may rise up to one meter above the water surface. Its erect stalk supports a single spike of approx 15 flowers, mostly lavender to pale with six petals, according to Carillo.

He says the common water hyacinth, *Eichhornia crassipes*, grows very vigorously and is known to double its population every weeks.

Aggressive invader

"It's a very aggressive invader that forms thick mats that can cover the entire surface of a river or pond, causing oxygen depletions and fishkills," he says.

In contrast, water lilies, whose estimated 70 species comprise the genus *Nymphaea*, are rooted in soil in bodies of water. It has flat, almost circular or oval leaves that either float on the surface of the water or are held above the water, he says.

He says the flowers are borne singly on the stems and have numerous petals that all look alike. "The beauty of many water lily varieties has led to their widespread use as ornamental plants. They also serve as valuable natural oxygenator for ponds, allowing fish to breathe and beneficial bacteria to thrive," Carillo says.

Steve Quismundo

RECYCLED Loperto Bugcat and his daughter Marisol knit an dried water lily stems in their shack in Tagaig City. The plants are harvested by small entrepreneurs along the banks of Lagaslas Lake and sold to weavers who make the fibers into slippers and bags.

'CHANGING THE RULES'

SC verdict agitates PLDT

By Ros T. Divinagracia and Marion Ramos

A DISSENTING Court ruling which could force foreign shareholders to share a significant portion of retirement shares in Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) could wreak havoc on the company's financial health and on the local capital market, PLDT chair Manuel V. Pangilinan said yesterday.

Pangilinan aired the warning after the high court ordered the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to determine "the extent of allowable foreign ownership in and ... to impose the appropriate sanctions under the law."

Philippine laws allow foreigners to own only up to 40 percent of a public utility.

The court said only voting or common shares could be used in assessing the capital stock, excluding preferred or non-voting shares which are currently included in the calculation.

"Our investors are asking why are they changing the rules," said reporters on Wednesday. "It's not good news in everyone's perspective to change the rules. That could lead to tremendous selling pressure on PLDT prices," he said. "I don't understand why we're doing this, why we're committing economic suicide."

Pangilinan said the common and preferred shares' capital structure was something that the present management of PLDT simply inherited.

"PLDT has lived with this capital structure," Pangilinan said, and pointed out that the set-up was believed to be "legal and valid" up until recently.

In reaction to the court ruling, shares in PLDT fell as much as 3.7% percent before closing down 1.2 percent, weighing on the main index which dipped nearly 1 percent to 4,349.35.

Major PLDT foreign shareholders include Hong Kong's First Pacific Co. Ltd. and Japan's NTT Communications and KTT Dai Corbo.

Pangilinan and PLDT spokesperson Ilustre Idioto said the company has not received a copy of the Supreme Court decision.

But Pangilinan said reputedly that the Supreme Court order, if implemented, would translate to the sale of 2.5 percent of PLDT's common shares worth about P118 billion.

"There would be a tremendous selling pressure (of PLDT shares)," Pangilinan said. "It will tank."

Pangilinan said 64 percent of PLDT's common shares were held by foreigners. But if preferred shares are included in determining PLDT's ownership structure, he said 87 percent of company is owned by Filipinos and 13 percent by foreigners.

"If you want to bring it down to 40 percent, who will sell? How do you sell investors to sell? And who can buy?" he asked.

PLDT outsiders about 30 percent of the stock number today, according to analysts.

"If that's true, definitely, that's not good for business. Not only is it not good for PLDT but other companies as well with similar share structure. Also, it's bad considering that the Philippines would be accused again of being cynical. It wasn't championed by investment appetite, not only by the market but also by long-term, foreign direct investments. This should be clarified," Atberto del Castillo, managing director of brokerage and investment advisory firm First Grade Holdings, said in a phone interview.

Analysts warned the court ruling could hurt other stocks.

"With this court definition of capital, we have to look at other stocks that are already beyond the threshold," said one analyst at a local brokerage who did not want to be identified as his firm has holdings in PLDT.

The Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) said foreign investors had questioned it about the implications of the directive.

"The PSE expressed grave concern that an opposing interpretation on foreign capital limit calculations would in capital flight of existing foreign investors, further cause market volatility, and discourage the entry of foreign investments into the country," it said in a statement.

The court's decision and its definition of capital would affect other public utilities which use outstanding capital, voting and non-voting, in determining foreign ownership.

Voting 10-3, the high court granted part of the petition of lawyer Wilson Gamboa who sought to void the sale of the government's 46 percent stake in Philippine Telecommunications Investment Corp. to First Pacific in 2007.

with Reuters

Ambassadors' stories in book launched today

By Jerry E. Esplanada

THE DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is set to launch today "Frontliers of Diplomacy: Conversations with Philippine Ambassadors," a book on contemporary Philippine foreign policy and diplomacy.

Edited by Foreign Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs L. Eduardo Malaya, the Anvil publication features interviews with 27 retired and current Philippine ambassadors and three diplomatic spouses.

The 300-page book chronicles the "experiences, triumphs and occasional frustrations of Philippine diplomats through the years."

It also "covers the depth and breadth of the Philippine diplomatic experience," revealing in the process "a number of incidents or crucial moments in contemporary Philippine history, some of which are discussed in public for the first time," noted Malaya, also the country's new ambassador to Malaysia.

Topics which remain controversial to this day are discussed with candor, notably globalization, reorientation of Southeast Asian Nations regionalism, security and antiterrorism, the Visiting Forces Agreement with the US, and safeguarding the welfare of overseas Filipino workers," Malaya said.

According to Malaya, also the DFA spokesperson, "these first-person accounts of participants and eyewitnesses to the making of the nation's political and diplomatic history shed invaluable light on the limited, often opaque world of diplomacy, and offer valuable lessons and insights for today's diplomats and leaders and all concerned Filipinos."

Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said the book "provides readers a peek into the world of presidents, prime ministers, foreign ministers, ambassadors, consuls, and even diplomats' spouses."

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Acting Ombudsman files raps vs ex-colleague

By Leila B. Salaverria

ACTING Ombudsman Orlando Casimiro has filed criminal and administrative complaints against a former colleague, Mark Jalandoni, the former deputy ombudsman for Luzon, for allegedly tampering with public documents.

Jalandoni is alleged to have altered documents involving several decisions of the Office of the Ombudsman, making it appear that he had approved them, Casimiro's spokesperson Mary Rose Icapan told a press briefing yesterday.

Jalandoni had superimposed his signature over Casimiro's in the resolutions and decisions, Icapan claimed.

"It was a systematic cut and paste, wherein pieces of paper were pasted over resolutions that had been previously approved," she said.

Another hurdle has been reached in the authenticity of the decisions of the Office of the Ombudsman in view of these obvious alterations in these documents," Lopez said.

The Ombudsman tried to get Jalandoni to comment, but he could not be reached on his mobile phone.

Casimiro has included in his complaints members of Jalandoni's staff—former assistant ombudsmen Nenette Morales-De Padua, Rosalyn Martinez, Grace Anne Aman, Ruby rose Montecillo and Annie Lou Fernandez.

They are accused of violating the Revised Penal Code provisions against removal, concealment or destruction of documents.

Disbarment

Casimiro also intends to file disbarment proceedings against Jalandoni and De Padua, Lopez said.

Jalandoni resigned in April following the filing of complaints against him before the Office of the President. His departure came at the height of the impeachment campaign against then Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez. Gutierrez has since resigned and has been replaced by Casimiro as an acting capacity.

Dr. Padua and Martinez are also no longer connected with the Office of the Ombudsman, Lopez said.

The alleged alterations were discovered when Casimiro, following his designation as acting Ombudsman last month, conducted an inventory of some 13,000 documents turned over to him. He found that a "considerable number" of the documents had been tampered with, said Lopez.

The passing of Jalandoni's signature were that of Casimiro's made it appear that it was Jalandoni who was the final approving authority of the rulings when in truth, Casimiro, as the then overall deputy ombudsman, had already approved the rulings, Lopez said.

Lopez said some of the allegedly altered decisions concerned cases that have been filed before the Sandiganbayan antigraft court. The cases involved are those that are still pending before the Office of the Ombudsman, she said.

She also declined to mention the specific cases whose resolutions were among those tampered with. But she said that the tampering with the signatures did not actually mean that the decisions were reversed.

Asked what she thought Jalandoni's motive was, Lopez said Casimiro has yet to disclose that.

She also said officials could not say whether Jalandoni had been directed to do what he did. They also could not say if Gutierrez had known of it.

"What we're concerned about right now is the fact of alterations and tampering. At this point, we cannot assume instructions (were) given to him if any" she said.

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100 women rescued from Angeles clubs

By DJ Yap

AT LEAST 100 female sex workers, some of whom had "V" tags, indicating they were still virgins, were rescued, and their foreign ex were arrested in successive raids on three nights clubs in Angeles City on Thursday night, the police said Wednesday.

The Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) and joint police-antihuman trafficking operatives rescued the women from the Sunshine Bar, the Blue Nile and the Golden Nile night clubs along Fields Avenue in Barangay Balibago.

"The women don't really consider it a rescue. They kept crying as and tried their best to escape," said CIDG Women and Children's Protection Desk (WCPD) head Supt. Eunice Ubamas, who led the raids.

She said the women were mostly from Mindanao who were promised jobs as factory workers, waitresses, or sales ladies.

Upon arriving in the city "they would wait tables at first, then before long, they would start entertaining guests at the table," Ubamas said. She said she assumed that some of the rescued women were below 18. "They were taught to say they're 18."

'V' for virgin

Undercover agents posing as customers were were offered the sexual services of girls with the "V" label. "They called it cherry popping. They'll say, 'I'm a virgin so I'm more expensive.' " One of the girls said she was only 16 and asked for P5,00,000, Ubamas said.

The raids on the Blue Nile and Golden Nile, two night clubs reportedly owned by an Irish fugitive Michael Douglas Agnew along Fields Avenue in Angeles City stemmed from the complaint of the Crusade Against Child Cruelty and Destroy International, a nongovernment organization based in the city that fights sex tourism.

Agnew was not present during the raid, but he would be charged with violations of the anti-Trafficking of Persons Act, Ubamas said.

The raid of Sunshine Bar resulted in the rescue of 17 sex workers and the arrest of the managers, Terence Jamie Smith, an Australian national.

Police said Smith would be charged with human trafficking, adult carries a maximum prison term of life.

Ubamas said the others arrested included three Americans and a Japanese. One of the detainees was later released. *With a report from AFP*

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Webbs: Stop lies, lunacy, we may file case vs De Lima

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[illegible] for "reckless, irresponsible and completely unfounded statements."

Hubert's father, former Sen. Freddie Webb, said his family chose to speak out to clear after De Lima and the NBI presented new "evidence" undermining the brief's alibi because "moral reasoning, absence is a sign of guilt."

The Webb camp said that the agencies under the Department of Justice involved in the six-month investigation of the case where the accused were aides of wealthy and influential families were already ordered pieces of evidence to get their "desired result."

De Lima and the NBI on Tuesday said the inquiry ordered by President Aquino found new witnesses and documentary evidence that purportedly showed that Webb was in the country during the 1991 killings.

Estrellita Yuvienco, 47, and her daughters Gabriela, 18, and Jennifer, 7, were found dead with multiple stab wounds on June 30, 1991, in their home in Barangay UP Campus in Quezon City.

In a ruling on June 14, the Supreme Court said the prosecution had failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt the guilt of Webb and his six coaccused and ordered them freed after 15 years in prison.

Lauro Vizconde, 72, who was in the United States awaiting anook while looking for a school there for Carmela when his family was murdered, said he felt vindicated by De Lima's new findings although he knew Hubert and his coaccused could not be tried again under the principle of double jeopardy.

No apologies

Hubert said what he hoped the NBI and the DOJ would stop saying him and his family.

"I lost 15 years of my life. I never saw my nephews grow up. Our family is tired. We really are. We are exhausted. I can't even walk around without fear of getting attacked," he said.

"These people have destroyed our family. I don't know if anyone can grasp how evil these people are. They are still doing the same things they've been doing," he said. "They fight us with ghosts. When will we get our justice?"

Asked about Lauro Vizconde's demand for him to make a public apology, Hubert said: "I can't apologize for something I didn't do. But I'm sorry if he thinks I'm guilty. I'm really sorry for that."

"Unnecessary na lang sabi, hindi talaga ako ang gumawa nun (I could do but I really did not do it)," he said, adding that he also wanted Vizconde to understand, "Sa Diyos Lauro nga ako get justice ko sa family."

Hubert's father added: "If there's anyone who should apologize, it's the NBI because they were the ones who created all these lies. They should apologize not only to Hubert but also to us."

Palace: We trust De Lima's fairness; Vizconde: Truth brings discomfort

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opinion few of dishonesty and shortcomings from the Webb family. (See Sunday story.)

"We will refer to Secretary De Lima about the NBI's findings but we will defend her against charges of disclosure[illegible] etc.," Mr. Aquino's spokesperson Edwin Lacierda said yesterday in a text message to reporters.

In a separate statement, deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte said the Aquino administration remains confident in the justice secretary's "fairness and objectivity."

On Wednesday, Jose Luis Ignacio, one of Webb's lawyers, accused De Lima of trying to boost her political stock by announcing in a news conference that the NBI had debunked Webb's alibi.

The NBI downplayed criticism by Webb's family and lawyers, saying it only "followed the leads" in the case.

Vizconde's lawyer, Jesus Isagani Cruz, said he was not surprised by the reopening of the case.

"I'm not aware yet that the investigation was fair," said Vizconde's spokesperson Gretchen Carmona. "We did what we had to do. We wouldn't not have gone to court if we did not."

De Lima left for Germany on Tuesday night to attend a conference.

Justice Undersecretary Jose Vicente Salazar said the NBI and the department were just doing their sworn duty "in the pursuit of truth."

Not surprised

"Sometimes the truth brings discomfort," said Lauro Vizconde of the purported new evidence. "When confronted with evidence, it's much easier to take things personally than face it. I wasn't surprised with this conduct a while ago," Vizconde said in Filipino.

The television ace in Vizconde's hand was listed in to the Webb press conference previewing the list the widower was not paying attention to the purported new evidence pointing down Webb for rape such favorite for the murders of his wife Estrellita and daughters Carmela and Jennifer.

"I was not interested," the 72-year-old host told the reporters.

"I know what their statement is but the old passport was being subpoenaed by investigators.

"I wasn't able to sleep. I was very nervous ... I told my daughters, 'expect to cry if they will be fine [anyway]'," the former announced.

The father showed his new US driver's license, which was changed June 14, 1991. This it come, he said, will not be issued if the person is not physically available.

Showing a stamp on Hubert's passport of his arrival in the United States, Freddie Webb said: "Ako, can't manufacture those kinds of things."

The family also questioned the investigators' magnetic red tapes that did not show the name Webb as the passenger manifest for his departure to the US on March 1, 1991. However, the name was entered on the old passport in 1995.

"If he arrived, then tell us where he left for the US, tell us," Freddie Webb said, stressing that the reinvestigation done by the NBI was "incomplete."

Tired of it all

"As much as we don't want to react to accusations without basis, for us, silence is a sign of guilt, we need to speak out," he explained. "We are very tired of this. But we cannot see fight back. We just want to have a simple, ordinary life but how they even again."

"The DOJ and the NBI conveniently selected pieces of evidence to patrol a picture of Webb still a suspect," Cruz-Isa said, adding that what happened on Tuesday was a complete smack on the Webb family by no less than De Lima and NBI officers.

"You are telling citizens that it's okay to come up with evidence even after the Supreme Court already has a final decision. This creates a bad precedent," the lawyer added.

Agnesili Ikhwan accused De Lima of "electioneering," saying she was "sacrificing law for her own political ambitions.

"Those who have some before you to do this have paid a stiff price. We sensitive practicing bank and not cross the line. There's a clear rule of law[illegible] have opposed those innocent ones ... God forbid you suffer the same," he warned De Lima.

Mental dishonesty

Agnesili also accused De Lima of mental dishonesty and outright laziness.

"If she had taken the effort to read the separate concurring opinions [on the Supreme Court decision], then she would have at least had the knowledge to assign that greater minds than all of us have have reviewed and analyzed the evidence," he said.

He said they believe that the move of De Lima and NBI serve to control Hubert in the minds of the public.

Likewise, Agnesili warned the new witnesses against the possibility of suffering the fate of former state witness Jessica Alfaro. He said the NBI left Alfaro alone to fend for herself after receiving her.

Another Webb lawyer, Jesus de Ongkiko-Acosta, said the new witnesses were not credible because they came from a "politicized source."

"These witnesses were produced by the same NBI who produced Jessica Alfaro, whom the SC called a lying witness," he said. "This is the same NBI that fed the satanic sample. Hubert offered which would have proved his innocent beyond reasonable doubt."

New Alibaes

"And besides, those witnesses came out only 20 years after the crime was committed... why only now when they had US years of public pressure [then witnesses]? why now?"

He stressed that their evidence—[illegible] witnesses and some affidavits/statements—presented by De Leon was to the United States during the time of the Vizconde killings were more "superior" than the NBI's supposed evidence.

"Their investigation was incomplete," she said. "The magnetic tape tends show that Hubert returned to the country in 1992... thus proving he must have left something before.

Acosta said the reinvestigation was probably just a face saving measure on the part of the authorities.

"The NBI has a stake in this case. They want to uphold the credibility of their institution. They probably just want to prove that they are doing their jobs... but if they were really doing their jobs, they should have presented these evidence during trial," she said.

Freddie Webb asked the NBI and the DOJ to worry the witnesses in the name of Dan Alfaro.

"Those who have lost [illegible] which—we can't compare," he said.

The six witnesses summoned by De Lima and the NBI on Tuesday faced reliance and were not personally present during the press conference.

They presented their findings via their lawyer before the 20-year prescription period today.

WHAT WENT BEFORE

ON DEC. 14, 2010, the Supreme Court acquitted Hubert Webb and his siblings—Antonio Lejano, Michael Gatchalian, Hospicio Fernandez, Miguel Rodriguez, Peter Estrada and Gerardo Biong—in connection with the 1991 Vizconde massacre.

Ruling 7-4, the high court cited the prosecution's failure to prove their guilt beyond reasonable doubt and the witnesses' inconsistency, of star witness Jessica Alfaro.

The 28-page decision, penned by Associate Justice Roberto Abad, involved mainly around two issues: "Whether or not Alfaro's testimony as rebellious... is credible and, if not, whether or not Webb presented sufficient evidence to prove his alibi and rebut Alfaro's testimony that he told the others in committing the crime."

Citing inconsistencies in her testimony, the court regarded Alfaro as "a witness who was conditioned with her own lies." The high court also said that other witnesses presented by the prosecution did not corroborate Alfaro's statements, the high court explained.

"Ultimately, Alfaro is guilty as a witness and her inconsistent, contradictory and unbelievable testimonies cannot be the positive identification that jurisprudence acknowledges as sufficient to pinpoint accused and an alibi," said the high court.

Dr. Webb's alibi that he was in New Zealand (Subic when the murders happened, the court said that "the prosecution did not bother to present evidence to impeach the entries in Webb's passport and the certifications of the Philippine and US immigration officials regarding his travel to the US and back."

The high court held that Webb's documented alibi stands firm Alfaro's testimony, not only with respect to him and his co-accused. "Webb's participation in the murder of the victims stays. Without it, the evidence against the others must necessarily fail," it said.

Court spokesperson Midas Marquez later explained that the ruling simply said that "there is not enough evidence to show the trial court committed grave abuse of discretion and his acquittal.

"The court did not say they are all guilty," Marquez stressed. "The magistrates did not say that they were innocent and that they did not commit the crime."

Marquez said that as far as the high court was concerned, justice was not served with its decision.

"Those who killed the Vizcondes have yet to be held accountable. Where is justice there?" he said. "But the accused were really innocent as they claim, then they were unjustly prosecuted and jailed. Then they should also be victims of injustice. How can you say [in this case] who is innocent?"

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WEBB COUNSELS Lawyer Zenaida Ongkiko-Acosta (center) flanks the findings of the Department of Justice after the reinvestigation of the Vizconde case during the press conference in Makati City on Wednesday morning. Beside her is Hubert and his mother Elizabeth Webb. At right, Freddie Webb presents the passport of his son Hubert during a press conference in Makati City with their lawyer Jesus Isagani Cruz and Jose Luis Agnesili. MIGUEL DE GUZMAN

FAMILY AFFAIR The Webbs—Hubert, mother Elizabeth, former Sen. Freddie Webb, Fritz and Jason—stand up after the press conference in Makati City Wednesday morning. LEO SOLIS JR.

GOVERNMENT'S CASE NBI Director Magsaysay Goitom, Justice Secretary Leila de Lima and CIDG head Pilapil Jose Corazon Check their documentary evidence during the briefing on findings of the reinvestigation of the Vizconde massacre. MIGUEL DE GUZMAN

La Niña's gone but rains will linger till September

By Leila B. Salaverria

La Niña may have ended for now in the Philippines in June, but the little girl will continue to make her presence felt through September with even more rains, weather officials have warned.

Because of La Niña's residual effects, Ondoy-like rains remain a possibility, according to Graciano Yumul, supervising science coordinator(ssc) of The weather bureau, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

"The southwest monsoon will last until September, he which a more makes landfall and combines with the monsoon, and they bring heavy rains, it will be Ondoy-like," he said.

More storms

Pagasa Director Nathaniel Servando said there may even be more and stronger storms this year. The number may go up to 20 to 22...a little over the average 19 to 20 that visits the country each year, he said.

Yumul explained that La Niña involved effects are usually felt three months after it has left its the country may also be attributed to global warming. With the rise in global temperatures, more water evaporates, and what is brought up has to go down, he said.

This means that the country will experience heavier rains, whether they will come from a typhoon, a shear, a low pressure area, the tail end of a cold front or any other weather disturbance, he said.

"What does La Niña bring? A lot of water. So now, in all that has happened—the cold front, southwest monsoon, ITCZ—there has been a lot of water," Yumul said.

La Niña, Spanish for "little girl," refers to the abnormal cooling of sea (ad)ter temperature in the Pacific that brings heavy rains and adversely impacts the southwest monsoon in this part of the world.

'Ondoy'

Yumul noted that there was no La Niña in September 2009 when Tropical Storm "Ondoy" drenchy Sit Lanna. But what happened was that Ondoy's rains combined with the southwest monsoon—the seasonal winds that bring heavy rainfall from June to September or October...submerging much of Metro Manila and killing hundreds of people.

According to Yumul, the heavy rains being experienced

Yumul said the Baldwin could have been caused by clogged waterways.

Even if the rains are heavy but the water is able to flow freely, there would be no problem, Yumul said.

As for the floods in General Luna, Yumul said these could be attributed to Tropical Depression "Egay."

He said Egay's rains had led to a "superabundance" of ground in the region. When Signal No. 3 was raised, the southwest monsoon is being more rains, the ground would no longer absorb the moisture, he explained.

Cabadbaran, meanwhile, is the catchment of Patagadian, which is why water flows toward it, Yumul said.

Yumul said people should be aware of the changing weather patterns in their areas so that they can prepare for floods or landslides.

Ronald Flores of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council also said that local government units should take note of the changing weather patterns and adjust their disaster plans accordingly.

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CHEd to make amends

By Tarra Quismundo

THE COMMISSION on Higher Education (CHED) has vowed to improve its data suspension protocol to include assessment of severe weather conditions in areas not under storm warning signals, backing complaints from students trapped in flooded streets around Metro Manila to last month's monsoon rains.

CHED Executive Director Julito Vitriolo said the commission will tap social media and mass media (www.ched.gov.ph) to make timely announcements about class suspensions, including those. Ministry (Institute of individual universities and colleges.

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EDITORIAL

To be sure, no one still argues that the second Aquino administration satisfied the high expectations that surrounded its rise to power and responsibility (or much less, surpassed them). In the last 12 months, the record of governance has been decidedly mixed. A long-overdue overhaul of the massive bureaucracy of government-owned and -controlled corporations has begun, but the perception that unsuccessful appointments to key positions continue to be tolerated has deepened. An obstructionist subculture was finally removed from office, but the Truth Commission has been stuck in limbo, unable even to probe the truth, never mind speak it. Reform is slowly taking root in several departments, and the republican ideal of greater transparency in government affairs is becoming the norm rather than the exception, but the new administration's sudden ouyawoi on such initiatives as the proposed Freedom of Information Act is disconcerting, and deeply disappointing.

We note that the tedious but essential task of unearthing proof of corruption committed in the last decade—the rot in the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office being only the latest discovery—continues with not letup, but at a much slower rate than anyone expected: the plodding pace is a cause of popular frustration or even cynicism. We recognize the sterling work of several highly placed officials; in fact, we acknowledge that very many men and women of good will and proven competence have joined government, at all levels, inspired by last year's watershed elections and the people's call for reform; the unmistakable factionalism at the center of the Aquino administration, however, puts all that work in jeopardy. When even senators joke openly about the so-called Balay and Samar factions, it is well to remind ourselves that strong factions ultimately mean weak government.

But given that the first year is necessarily a time of transition, of learning the proverbial ropes and building working political coalitions, and given the political divisiveness of the decade that helped create the anti-corruption mandate of the 2010 vote, it would be irresponsible to equate the mixed record and thus the shortcomings of the current administration with those of the Arroyo years.

This kind of false equivalence would not only be illogical but rashly removed, as though the institutional wrecking, morale-sapping, value-distorting scandals of the previous administration can be excused by the missteps of the Aquino administration in its first year. To see no difference between, say, the Arroyo administration's misguided counter-insurgency policy that resulted in the death of hundreds of soldiers, and Undersecretary Rico Puno's terrible mishandling of the Aug. 23 hostage-taking incident, where nine lives were lost, is to accept that politics is really just "weather-weather lang"—a cynical game of rotated chairs.

But in fact, a year into its term, the Aquino administration has begun to put an end to the culture of impunity, of non-accountability, of calamitous corruption, that we had come to identify with the previous regime. Its first achievement, in other words, is to inaugurate, slowly, perhaps not too steadily, but also surely, the post-Arroyo era.

One of the best proofs that things have changed lies in the kind of data that businessmen like to pore over. Economic trends of the last four quarters tell us that local business confidence in the new dispensation has grown dramatically. Or is a sentiment that parallels survey results: Findings are still high, both to themselves and historically? As former Socio-economic Planning Secretary Cielito Habito noted in his column last week, "Over the past four quarters, growth in private domestic investment has been consistently surging." This vigorous growth comes in spite of the drop in foreign direct investments and the drop in government construction spending.

What does this mean? It means that, after years of low levels of domestic investment amidst the persistent admiration, business enterprises in the Philippines are again putting their money where their mouth is.

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Dealing with the new China

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Randy David

CHINA IS such a large and complex country that it is never easy to know at any given time what it is doing or what it is saying, or even who speaks for it, for pronouncements that are the supposed wisdom of the Beijing elite but in reality only the views of a single person. Is China a benign power that wants only to compete to its longstanding official reach or not to be world with allies of goodwill? Are we seeing here a national shift in policy?

We are all accustomed to viewing China as a society that is characterized by state. Thus, we do not see a lot of other disciplining governments emanating from official and quasi-official sources. We expect them to be centrally coordinated and their supply viewed before they are issued. Even the conflicting signals we are now receiving from the mighty and impervious neighbor, it is natural for us to wonder if the alternate share of China's foreign face and mean mixed is nothing more than the usual yin-and-yang push-and-pull of softening to calculated discord.

I believe we need to review this picture if we are to understand the new China we are dealing with.

While the Chinese state remains under the firm control of the Chinese Communist Party (which, it should be remembered, this year marks its 90th anniversary of its founding), Chinese society itself has undergone massive economic changes in the last 30 years that have given rise to new influential players. These changes have been particularly intense in the area of economic production of matter relations into a basically controlled economy. It is important to note that the market reforms are state-sponsored, rather than the organic outcome of opposition forces actively emanating from the state's society. This has several implications.

"For example," notes professor Wang Hui of Tsinghua University in his incisive book "China's New Order" (2003, Harvard), "members of the political elite or their families directly participate in economic activities." As Cornell scholar Minxin Pei has pointed out, the state agencies for large corporations and infrastructure has led to a form of "crony capitalism."

DOMESTIC CRASHBAR Banc Brilliantes had some pricey astonishing things to say the other day.

As usual, he presupposed with the "Hello, Garci" case, he said. "Hindi iyan ang priority ko. Hindi po natin ako ang priority natin." (That's not my priority. I wasn't here yet when that happened.) What he means to do instead is shore up the house and institute reforms in time for the next elections. "Ang priority ko: Ano ba ang pinaka-kailangan ng bansa? Ano ba ang pinaka-kailangan kundi ang pagkakaisa?" (My priority is: What is needed? What will happen to the Country? My concern is not what's happening but what's in front of us.")

Brilliantes' defensive remarks came after his appointments was delivered by a committee by the Commission on Appointments upon the objection of Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago. Santiago argued to many what he was doing with the "Garci" brief—Brigilio Gandhiani's principal who had been the star witness in the 2004 —who not only sat still with the Comelec has been given prominent duty. Chief of those already exposed directors Pat Santiagos.

"Bakit daw pinuwesto si Antonio? Bakit sa Comelec pa? Sino ang Chairman." (Reserved why Pandan he put me to Chairman. [Reserved] Sorry, doong gagawin ito? Anthem na ako a Wala nothing gangster, doong gano' nito? Bangador ba dahil sa assumption na Garci by ayan?" (They're asking why Brantiglaan has been promoted. Why should I know? I think that happened long back during Ilocos's reign. What can I do? He's already there. And he's not doing anything wrong. What do they want? I should kick him out on the assumption he is a hard boy?)

Well, if that's the quality of his thinking, then we truly ought to have his appointment delivered indefinitely. Or better still, Pinoy ought to insert him postmaster from a position he does not deserve.

Can anything be more inane than asking "Hello, Garci?" is not your priority because it happened before your time? The happenstance character happened before Cielito in Cyrus's time too. So what is Brilliantes saying, she should not consider it a priority as well because of that? There's no question that it is the job of the Comelec to ensure fair and clean elections, a job it has largely failed to do in the past, earning for itself only a reputation for cowering tipped and shifty elections. The worst of it entails the charges that Mayor Benjamin Abalos, when the branch called up a Comelec commissioner, Virgilio Garcillano, to demand that she win over her commission had by a million votes. You have the same resistance your house, and even promote them, how can you possibly do your job? A job now quite undeniably darker and urgent screaming in light of Filipe's promise to end corruption in this country. Can anything be more corrupt than counting the vote?

Of course, we don't want Brilliantes to have our foreclosure and conspiracy on the matter so, assuming that they are Garci' bros. But if he makes investigating "Hello, Garci" a priority, if he makes knowing our who exactly helped Garci—and Brigilio's absence—wreak the worst political crime in the country in the 21st century a priority, we won't be bothering him on the assumption, he'll be hearing down out on some cemetery.

Goodbye, Garci

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What makes his statement that he wants to put the past behind him and look only ahead a tad bit funny especially pathetic is that this year marks the 100th birthday of none but Ernie, the impetus especially noted for saying, "Any kind of maneuvering, intrigue or personal aspect of what makes for the real China is stand up." Now you you possibly answer a bright future for the Gonzales if you cannot answer its murky past?

Brilliantes' priority is, "Ano ang mangyayari sa Comelec? Ano ang mangyayari sa bansa?" (What will happen to the Comelec? What will happen to the country?) My concern is not what's happening but what's in front of us.")

Answer instead of all of the country.

At the very least Justice for Fernando the Jr., the patron "Hello, Garci" robbed of the presidency. The man who was the victim of the "crime of the century." Or, as a candidate being proclaimed winner long after he won late game, or even long after he is dead. He deserves to be known as the president who never was, and deserves to be remembered as such.

It's possible that, considering all that effects that 10 steps might actually have seen as persistent despite "Hello, Garci," "Hello, Garci" was a crime so vital all-societal crimes, the commission of it should never have seen her to blindsiding, it should have come as no surprise. Never can late to notify a mistake, and the Comelec should be taking the lead in it.

As the very most basic justice for everybody else, especially the victims of the killings, who over the hundreds of political activists massacred just so that Arroyo et gang can hold on to power. As original sin, all the other sins of the Arroyo regime flowed from it. The lying, the cheating, the stealing and the injustice flowed from it. It was the illegitimacy of the regime that established the illegality of its actions. It was the fallacies of the title that compelled the viciousness of its actions. The Comelec may not throw on solutions rectifying the past, government may not throw on solutions cleansing the present, this country may not throw on without guaranteeing a better future of tomorrow.

We don't say goodbye to Garci we'll never say hello to him.

National budget not a Batanes budget

PRESIDENT AQUINO'S SERVICE is spiritual rite, as I discussed in my article in Negros magazine's June issue; in that his administration is the sequel to his mother's 1986 people power revolution, one to stay the Cacaopinoy Dragon.

A corollary to that narrative is that his presidency, as President Aquino left the economy to survive—a wind slumgood of the fans, among them the sovereign investment grade rating—is not fit only, I presume was the highest among the past four administrations, and the average inflation of 5.1 percent, the lowest.

Thus, Mr. Aquino's ideologue, Budget Secretary Florencio "Butch" Abad, would be correct in refusal of the mandarin's "subsidy-buster" administration not by showing that there's really a stand in Malacañang for guns on the juvenile kill the entourage suit by alleging that Aquino's mismanaged the state coffers. "Prioritizing a deficit level of P1.65 trillion, which is within the target 3.0 percent of GDP."

Abad's ubiquitous equation Aquino are actually a deep clash in the DBM fund his former colleague in Congress, Rolando Mayo's recommended the DBM from 2006-2010 since it was Board policy which the DBM managed with presidents in 2005 that prevented the economy from slipping into a recessionary-like time.

Outlook

Rigoberto Tiglao

Don't take it from me. It's the account of internal discussions in the private National Economic Development Authority.

As explained in an International Monetary Fund Working Paper ["Post Crisis Fiscal Policy Stylized for the ASEAN-5"], most nations stimulated their economies by increasing fiscal deficits in response to the global economic and financial crisis of 2009, considered the worst since the pre-any Great Depression.

Thus, Aquino's government, under its Economic Stimulus Plan, increased its deficit by... more than it earned from 1.3 percent of GDP in 2008 to 3.6 percent in 2009. And reflective of government's tight budget management, the ratio was lower than the 5.3 percent average deficit recorded by ASEAN countries.

The result, according to the IMF in its 2009 Article IV Consultations' report: "Fiscal policy easing in 2009 was appropriate and effective... so that the Philippines avoided a recession many countries experienced in many of the global financial crisis."

Abad and President Aquino should thank Arroyo administration for its economic management that averted the country through the 2009 global crisis. If Arroyo and chief Budget Secretary Rolando had thought in the same way Abad does in terms of fiscal policy, Mr. Aquino would have inherited an economy in deep recession, and his economic team wouldn't be able to boast that raising agencies have upgraded our debt papers. The 7.3 percent GDP growth in 2010... the highest in the past three decades... was in part due to the surge in investor confidence because the country was one of the few in the world that successfully weathered the 2009 global crisis. It was certainly not because of Aquino's inaction-inaction "inaction."

Abad should read the "Philippine Development Plan, 2011 to 2016" released last month to describe, in whose hand he is a member of, with Mr. Aquino to chairman, as he will know the how.

As for 2010, the government implemented reforms on physical infrastructure as considered how, Major reforms to improve the revenue situation in the early part of the period included the revision of the excise tax on alcohol and tobacco, an expansion of the scope and tax intrusion in the value-added tax (VAT) system, and the rationalization of the value-added tax, as well as the enactment of the Local Business Law. As a result, tax effort rose from 13.3 percent in 2004 to 14.2 percent in 2008.

"The improved fiscal positions of the national government, the social security institutions, local governments, and the government financial institutions translated into a surplus in the country's consolidated public sector financial position (representing the first surplus since 1997) equivalent to 0.9 percent of GDP in 2007, from a deficit of 0.6% (0.6%) or 0.6 percent in 2004.

"The economy responded to all factors that in three decades (1 to 2008) was fairly growing at 5.2 percent... The Philippines had gone from the 'sick man of east Asia' to... 'pride' consecutive over 20.1 percent. Notwithstanding the effects of the global financial crisis, GDP in 2009 rose by 1.1 percent, a figure within the range of 0.0- 1.0 percent, making the Philippines one of the few economies in the region to register positive performance amidst the recession."

I hope Abad learns soon enough that the notion of a budget is vastly different from the budget of his Batanes province (2007 pop.: 11,054), for which the only thing you need to do is to be philanthropic. Already the delay to budget releases because of his ignorance that all investments in the pork-pot economy were corrupt has slowed down the economy, and may even have hampered dealing projects, considering that the current funding is down billions.

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Low tech

PEOPLE MODEL, is your phone? Mine is a Nokia 3120.

A few years back that announcement would have produced gasps from whomever I was talking to. That was the time when the Nokia 3310 were just starting to be considered. But today phones already have "touch" features, meaning with just your fingertips or any pointed object touching the screen, the phone functions accordingly.

I don't know if I will ever change my phone. I have lost several already, and it can be frustrating to be reminded that you cannot take care of something as important as a phone. With the cost of phones, there's not as much to be careful about as yesteryear would argue it. (I can actually imagine the glare a pawnshop personnel would give me if I tried to pawn it, although that would be a dwell.)

One time, I lost my particular phone. I thought I would have got it back. I was at married when I rang the number and I would hear my 3320 ringing in the middle of the night with nobody picking it up to answer. But after some time, my roommates answered the phone and told me a stranger had found it in a place I knew I had never been to. The person tried to call the contacts on my phone and finally got to me. I never got to see him but I was very thankful for his honesty. But sometimes I suspect that the reason he or she had found it was that he placed me for holding as such phone as mine.

My sister also lost her phone two months ago. (It runs in the family). But the contact loving herself to bring her phone when she goes out with some friends. She actually texted me, then the hands of using to find her friends in case there is a change of plans that he couples using my phone.

Actually when I got my 3320, it wasn't even brand new. I got it for P600, applies my father thought cost him. I had to plead with him to buy it for me because putting connected was very important. I just remember myself that having such an old phone would be no penalty for having too many phones. And I was confident that if I lost it, it would be promptly restituted to me.

My phone has some very interesting features that not too many phones have. For one thing, it has a life of its own. Its battery runs low anytime it wants to, so it's routine it wants to have a rest. It also has mood swings, and sometimes refuses to charge: it must have some magical properties since its battery looks liberal but it actually too cute to fit the charge, had developed hole troubles.

But the best reason about my phone is: Even if it's not the latest model, it makes me feel secure. Because of its size, my phone addresses get awaited by the piles of things I put in my bag. And despite the absence of high-cute features, I can still call and text on it.

It even has added features, courtesy of its previous owners. For instance, the alarm goes on from time to time with birthday reminders I do not know. It's nice to know that the previous owner of the phone was aware.

I also like it because it has big keys and easy to understand instructions. Its alarm is so loud that it has become my favorite alarm clock. On my holy days, it would even have a signal which I can't hear in my head.

Despite everything, it serves its real purpose, which is being a phone. It's like somebody close to us—a parent, a friend, or a lover. Even if they may not be steady, rich, beautiful, sexy or intelligent like other people we know, they provide us security and they are there during our darkest moments. And we love them despite of our shortcomings with them because we can connect without so many complications. Some things can look nice do not have that kind of permanence. They can easily get lost or thrown or so time.

In next time, I would think twice before changing my phone. When I look at it and realize how low-tech it is, it makes me smile. I love it much like we love people who are not perfect and full of imaginable moods. We keep them and some them in our lives because nobody else can give us as much security and assurance.

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Young Blood

Mhico Bonoc

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twenty-something and below.—Ed.

Mentoring the Mentors Program

MS. ABIGAIL "Tomorrow a Revolution in the Classroom" Bonoc, Inquirer Magazine, June 12, 2011), which was on the Mentoring the Mentors Program (MMP) generated concerns and comprising suggestions.

MMP executive director Chanel Ibañez-go says all schools (public and) needs. Good thing, I included MMP's contact numbers in the article. Section 11 (Title) I would not have the end of it and I'd have had to keep forwarding messages to MMP. There were others who wanted to send documents to me more urban administrators and many would request the program, some wanted to volunteer their services (they have to go through training first), others wanted solutions for their schools—MMP provides.

So here I am writing again about the program in this space so that more people would know about it and get interested. This is a much shorter version published today. (to the full version, read the magazine online).

MMP is taking the countryside by storm. Its one only. By storm, because it has embarked on distance strategy and the items took the catalysts and the catalysts took the items. Its mentors and mentees have now increased to three times since the last time I wrote about it.

But the time comes when the light should no longer remain hidden under cranberry. So we needs. Its mentors—teachers—they should get out there and show from the rooftops.

MMP had low-key beginnings; it had a least unlikely main instigator in the person of journalist-publisher Eugenia "Gigi" E. Apostol, founding editor of Smart Parents. Gigi, who also founded the Foundation for Worldwide People Power (FWPPP), Apostol has a string of national and international awards for her caring in the field of communication, including the Ramon Magsaysay Awards for Journalism, Literature and Creative Arts Manila chronology. She was not a schools teacher but something so possessed her to go beyond journalism and get her feet wet in education. FWPPP embarked on a movement called Education Revolution Now! (ERN!) to design a school and mentor to help the mentor program.

Magsaysay school was an idea where idea had come and was promptly adopted by civil society

Human Face

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business and the government. But MMP also took on a life of its own and gave its initiators great surprises in the way principals and teachers took to it and the flocks to mentor. There was so much desire to be connected and a wonderful thirst to find some.

MMP is a program meant to foster develop teachers' skills in mentoring their students, open their horizons and expand their perspectives. Many targets are in the public schools system and vocational-tertiary institutions (TEI). It mentors teachers on the "new" teaching methodologies in state book teachers and students because not only because students, during the agents of change.

Interactive socio-cultural-economic activity attitude goal of mentoring, as in the center of MMP's work is to help people learn more effectively and "helping people to become the person they want to be."

MMP is a modular program designed to ensure the participants in their own leaders. Sessions are limited to 30 to 40 persons to ensure quality and personalized mentoring.

The topics in the mentoring program Kimbis as personal from skills to teaching skills; personality and self-awareness; the art of living; active learning strategies and designing effective instructional materials; and lesson design.

Rubbio has had years of experience in values formation in the Islamic Dagohoy Institute in Bansalan (see College. She was among the first persons who implemented with Apostol.

Many of the "revelation" were my dear friends Drs. Rosie Medilana and Celia Adriano, education professors from the University of the Philippines. Medilana became MMP's national coordinator and course validity Adriano, whose expertise is in teacher education and psychology, was trainer Lilia Maquel the Franklin Covey System at to joined the team.

Today, seven years later, the MMP universe took back on their multiteaching efforts: 6,458 principals and teachers all connected to the Net. That's a big number. Now because of the profuse explosions of generosity, the cluster for follow-ups and seeing things diminishing and learning.

The MMP Foundation Inc. article fund boom experiencing, and searching and fund-building (the art of living, leadership, character formation, values-relationships), then report into the innovative and effective ways of teaching, many of which were not even in the books. The Active Learning Strategies are materials learned above, they are experienced.

Supposed teachers' teachers Medilana and Adriano did not invent these new ways. Scientific research in educational psychology have shown how effective learning takes place and that some old methods must go. Teaching may be one of the oldest professions but it does not limit that methods should remain. Amazing.

Medilana has mentored her old, seedy issues plans shoehorn and dozen teachers how to make more focused, workable ones. Creativity is key and teachers must on now ways to make learning enjoyable and effective.

In father v. Sonning, principal of Sangguniang Panlungsod School in Bacolod City, said: "MMP was different from what I had attended in the past because it made learning go beyond the exercise of memorizing and instead, it made learning fun, enjoyable and meaningful. It helped me in developing their intelligences and skills should include a strong sense of community responsibility and moral values."

Maybe you should send an MMP seminar? Be aware that superintendents have a budget for teacher training while mayors have a budget from their local school boards. MMP could also find sponsors for the financially challenged. Contact MMP at 0917-8111-MMP, 09189049 and mentor-mp@yahoo.com.ph.

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PH correctly stands its (maritime) ground

WE'VE RECENTLY in the current spat over the West with Philippine line, many vocal writers seem to believe that the Philippines has no choice but to seek protection from the United States as an ally against China's maritime encroachments. Others reluctantly that obstacle the legal high ground that the Philippines currently holds in Scott Bank (Bajo de Masinloc).

Scott Bank is a completely submerged area of the seabed between the Kalayaan Islands and Bolanosi, which stands the 200 nautical mile limit, are consumer zone not considered itself to attain the Philippines is recognized under the global by accepted UNCLOS United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Philippines therefore has the right to the fishing, fishing and other resources in that adjacent zone, including the right to explore and exploit any petroleum resources in the area.

Against these legal rights, China posits its claim to sovereignty and jurisdiction over the entire South China Sea, enclosed within the so-called "nine-dashed line" map, which appears in Chinese voyages and maps made 2000 years ago.

But claims to sovereignty and jurisdiction based merely on the basis of ancient explorations have no credence in modern times. They are inconsistent with the international law principle stating that such voyages never were for navigation or settlement. If acquisition, instead, they were for trade with the diverse pre-colonial peoples who inhabited the lands around the South China Sea, some of whom later became the First Filipinos.

Absent a sovereign claim, China is in a bind. China stripped all its maritime territories and abandoned all its foreign interests. The Chinese lived in Southeast Asia's coastal communities as traders, not administrators. Local cultures and diasporic communities did not consider themselves as colonies for passage. So if anyone actually controlled any portion of the South China Sea in the past, they were more likely our Southeast Asian

Commentary

Jay L. Batongbacal

ancestors, not the Chinese.

Some in the international community generally accept China's broad claims to the South China Seas, which is contrary to customary international law that says the high seas cannot be subject to state sovereignty. The point first to the practice of our Southeast Asian neighbors, regarding most-recent draft boundaries Indonesia, with statements back to the 1960s and Vietnam in 2003, defined such boundaries. Malaysia and Brunei recently signed an agreement to jointly explore for petroleum in a large area south of Spratly and Labuk. Malaysia and Vietnam in 2009 claimed overlapping continental shelves before the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. All these actions disregard the nine-dashed line.

Not even the 2009 joint Malaysia-Vietnam Submission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. All these actions disregard the nine-dashed line.

Not even the 2009 joint Malaysia-Vietnam Submission claiming can validate China's claim, since it clearly stated that it did not affect the parties' positions on the South China Sea issues. Attempts to use it for China's purposes would be seen as bad faith or subterfuge. It also does not show China can or could use maritime or undertake unilateral actions in waters adjacent to the Philippines.

The Chinese claim to these lands is also said to be based on maritime zones extending from the Spratlys, which China officially considers as part of "indisputable sovereignty." But China never actually administered these islands. They were practically islands as late as the 1940s, and Taiwan garrisoned only a single island in the 1950s. The Philippines, Vietnam and Malaysia have a history of occupation up to 1970s, before China joined the fray some 10 years later. By then, with an estimate in occupy. China remained so isolating an

submerged rocks and reefs that were part of the seabed, and could not be the legal basis of maritime claims.

Hypothetically, if the Spratlys were under Chinese sovereignty, the Philippines' ability to serve as basis for Taiwan over Scott Bank. While the entire South China Seas to be divided by an imperial international tribunal, these islands will probably not influence the EEZ and continental shelves boundaries in order to achieve a fair and equitable result.

The legal battle is the one battle that can be won, with or without the US. It is clearly China that is infringing on Philippine maritime rights through the former's claims to and imperial exercise in Scott Bank and its waters. Scott Bank is a submerged area of the seabed that is not considered itself to attain the Philippines' legal high ground that the Philippines currently holds in Scott Bank (Bajo de Masinloc).

As a matter of principle, the Philippines should neither be bluffed nor coerced into submission in China's claims and activities in Scott Bank. It is unclear what the US can do, since the entire waters subject from Bolinao to Bolabac, the nine-dashed lines despite the Philippines of the EEZ and commercial shelf there, it will eventually lead to the status of Southeast Asian states from their immense maritime heritage and resource base.

Given the previous experiences of the Philippines with China's activities in the South China Seas (detailed Reed Bank) are more telling examples), the Aquino administration is correct in making its position clear on legal and principles. If it (the self) would lose it will worth doubting.

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Area Covered: Part of City of Manila, Part of Quezon City, Mandaluyong City, Most part of Makati City, Pasig City, San Juan City, Marikina City, Taguig City and Municipality of Pateros	Area Covered: Most part of City of Manila, Part of Quezon City, Caloocan City, Malabon City, Navotas City, Valenzuela City, Mandaluyong City, Las Piñas City, Part of Makati City, Parañaque City and Pasay City
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No. of Public Faucets	[illegible]
No. Served in Informal Settlements	[illegible]
Non-Revenue Connections	[illegible]
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Based on the above findings, the Committee pronounced that drinking water in the NWSA and MWSS distribution systems was of SANITARY QUALITY with adequate residual chlorine.

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The freedoms Filipinos still have to fight for

I COMMEND the success but no break and save abroad. Woe to us being [illegible] son, is always has a team of surprises for us millions of readers (to which I proudly belong).

On June 12, 2011, the 113th Philippine Independence Day—most surprised me with its blackout cover page. It caught me off-balance, with blood surging up in the culprit who instituted this scary, whoever he/she was. At first, I thought someone in the house was responsible. But before I could make a call to my diligent delivery man, I found myself laughing to my heart's content.

Previous stained darned's come cheap. I join hands with the majority of Filipinos who continue to uphold our more prized freedom, but one not independence to our forebears. We should never take it for granted.

Being an independent nation is great but our "independence is not everything that is. We must continue to fight against any form of bondage. Our country is faced with insurmountable problems.

For example, our country has yet to free itself from the oppressive, devilish taxing system of graft and corruption. I hear our newest leaders would like us to say "thank you" to [illegible] for this, but on this, they face and turn out to undergo an acid test. And then, how about the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Aquino scores 'majority approval ratings' in survey

By Norman Bordadora and Ringgit L. Ho

PRESIDENT Aquino's administration scored "majority approval ratings" in six of 11 national concerns in the most recent Pulse Asia survey.

Much Filipinos think the administration has done well in fighting criminality, enforcing the law equally among all Filipinos, improving the national peace situation, fighting corruption in government, creating more jobs and increasing work ers' salaries, Pulse Asia said.

The lowest approval ratings were registered in the areas of reducing poverty and controlling inflation.

According to the survey (60 percent of the respondents said the administration was doing well in fighting crime, 57 percent in enforcing the law equally among Filipinos, and 53 percent in improving the peace situation.

The survey was conducted on May 21 to June 1 through face-to-face interviews with 1,200 respondents nationwide. It had an error margin of +- or - 3.

Pulse Asia also found that 56 percent gave the administration positive marks in fighting corruption, 51 percent in the creation of more jobs, and 51 percent in increasing workers' pay.

But only 39 percent approved of what the administration was doing to control inflation, and 40 percent, of its campaign to reduce poverty.

"During the period March to May 2011, the only significant change in the administration's performance ratings occurs on the issue of equal law enforcement, with the administration enjoying an improvement in its overall approval rating," Pulse Asia said.

Only 49 percent of the respondents in Pulse Asia's March 2011 results approved of the administration's performance on equal enforcement of the law among Filipinos.

No judgment yet

Montilla: of the business community are not yet passing judgment on the President and his Cabinet just yet.

"Right now, we have to recognize the fact that President Aquino inherited a situation dispensated by past mistakes in governance," he told reporters in a briefing at the sidelines of a recent economic conference. What needs to be done now is the strengthening of the governance structure," Employers Confederation of the Philippines (Ecop) president Edgardo Lanzon said yesterday in a press conference.

Lanzon also said that while some expectations had yet to be fulfilled, the administration should be credited for "reviving faith in government and respect for authority."

In a separate interview, Makati Business Club executive director Peter Angelo Perfecto said it was difficult for the administration to change forward with its promised reforms because "the previous Cabinet-level officials are still in place."

Despite this, Perfecto said, Mr. Aquino and his Cabinet had significant groundwork in their first year in office.

For example, the Philippines has been given at least three credit ratings upgrades, cases have been filed against anomaly, glory and tax evaders, and unemployment numbers have gone down, Perfecto said.

"There are indications that the fiscal house is being fixed, and we're seeing good economic indicators," he said.

Give him a chance

Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Francis Lim said Mr. Aquino and his Cabinet deserved a "passing mark" for their efforts.

"He's passing a lot of effort in, to fighting corruption. We see that he's focused and measuring. He's done a good job of all his efforts so we can make an honest to goodness assessment. Let's give him a chance."

Rizal Perfecto said there were some areas that needed improvement, such as bringing down the high power rates and the underemployment rate.

"If he's able to address these two issues, public perception will improve," Perfecto said.

Also, he said, the private sector's flagship public-private partnership (PPP) program (PPP) should start to gain steam in the Aquino's second year because the delays in the auction of PPP projects was a cause for concern.

"We understand that in the first year, a lot of cleanup, review and foundation work had to be done. But on your two, the government should move them aggressively forward, especially in the PPP programs, to sustain the high growth rate we achieved in 2010," Perfecto said. "A year has passed. That's enough time for review. Come near two, they should be to show returns."

But Ecop's Lanzon said Mr. Aquino's show-but-cure approach in implementing the PPP programs was actually better.

"We think the President is just cautiously delaying this. He's trying to be careful in the doctor's mind to take into the account mistakes [in other administrations]. Next year, hopefully we'll see some significant movements," Lanzon said.

Big fish campaign

Perfecto said the administration had made some strides in cracking corruption by pressing charges against smugglers and tax evaders.

But he said it could make an example of high-profile violators, even those from the government or the private sector.

"We should send the correct signals. This whole effort [to bring control] to get people to pay their taxes. The government has to move forward with its big fish campaign. We should not [do some more substantially on your two," Perfecto said.

"We know it's hard to get a conviction, but if the government can at least send signals that they're serious about this, we know that it's more expensive to evade taxes, then we'll be able to see some improvements. The message now is that corruption pays. We should change that," he said.

Montilla said Association of the Philippines president Felipe Salido Jr. said the best way to curb corruption was to "put at least one big fish in jail."

Lanzon said Mr. Aquino's popularity despite a lower ranking in the latest Pulse Asia and Social Weather Stations surveys, is actually gave him some leeway to "make unpopular decisions to correct past mistakes."

He said that was reminding their the President and his team should capitalize on its time in office to implement real reforms.

Lagman's 'Master'

Edwin Lacierda, Mr. Aquino's spokesperson, said House Minority Leader Edcel Lagman was "misinterpreting" the President's criticism of the Aquino administration. (See story on Page 6A.)

Lacierda said that Lagman's remarks against Mr. Aquino was based on misrepresentation and obsolete figures, and that the President's remarks were "a matter of interpretation" by him.

"Lagman's entire term plus ing list and five with the lists, making assertions that are obsolete, misleading or patently false. Here he goes again, being misled by the first chapter in what is turning out to be a litany of misrepresentations by him," Lacierda said in a statement.

"Lagman has tried to characterize the administration's first year to suffer an "all time of bored and hurt" when it has been a year of solid, painstaking and conscientious rebuilding of our ravaged and shattered institutions. Such statements show the extent and of standing of Lagman when current as reflected by these tirades can be characterized as a year of humor and bluffing," he added.

In his own statement, Budget Secretary Florencio Abad said that the government spending picked up this month and that he expected this to be the trend in the remaining months of 2011.

"We're seeing a turnaround to avoid quality government spending. After government agencies understand a thorough evaluation of the rules and effectiveness of their programs and projects, they are now ready to spend with much impact," Abad said.

"The improvement is not not only in the flow of cash but also in the quality of projects, goods and services delivered," he said.

Housekeeping

Sen. Ralph Recto said it had been "a challenging year" for the President, and "[in my view] he's managing to give him a grade of 88 percent."

Recto said that the "honeymoon" is over, the President and his administration can begin to keep house, and Recto, the chair of the Senate committee on finance, said the administration ally. With reports from Christine O. Avendaño and Ed Burgonio

'Youthful, upbeat' rites mark P-Noy's first year in office

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ting with the President launching the "Pilipinas Tuli" (One Philippines) campaign at the Philippine International Convention Center (the newly Cloma) in Pasig City.

PH development plan

The event is "about revisiting the vision and restoring the commitment" of Mr. Aquino to the people, Secretary Herminio Coloma of the Presidential Communications and Operations Office (PCOO) told reporters at a briefing. He said at least 6,000 members of youth groups would attend a national congress as well as representatives of political parties were expected to attend.

The Philippine Development Plan (2011-2016), which contains the Aquino administration's vision of governance, will also be launched at the same event and "will be explained in detail in the next few weeks by members of the Cabinet," Coloma said.

Earlier today, Mr. Aquino will sign into law the bill deferring the August elections in the Bangsamoro Region in Muslim Mindanao to May 2013, in time with the midterm polls.

The passage of the bill is considered a political victory for Mr. Aquino as it not only became he received Congress' support but also because he was given time to institute needed reforms in the impoverished region.

Reawakened sense of wrong

"Pilipinas Tuli" is "both a call and a challenge," PCOO Undersecretary Jose Mari Quimpo said at the briefing.

"It is a call to take part in nation-building, a call for deputation, but at the same time a challenge for the nationalizing Opposition and.

"This will also test the maturity of each and every Filipino. As we maintain strength to stand those lines that divide us and one another, [we] maintain focus on [the] 2010 election mandate [and] Oh's entire business it's Our Philippines, after all?" he said.

He added that today's event would see "the excitement, the passion of the people, especially the young," to work with the President in the national public.

Coloma said the launch was "a milestone event" for Mr. Aquino, which may why the administration was "reaffirming" its commitment to the people and seeking their support.

"And because we are marking his first year of office, the President thought of having this document available for the people to share with them his thoughts and ideas, in the hope that through this process, we will also garner his feedback," Coloma said.

Asked if the call for support was related to the opposition attack, Coloma said it is "not all" the sectors standing to consolidate their share in helping the country grow to benefit the people."

Asked how Malacañang could expect cooperation from the opposition when it was part of the Liberal Party (LP) coalition, Coloma pointed out that the No. 1 item in the administration's vision was "a reasonable, sound sense of right and wrong through the living examples of our highest leaders."

He said this was why it was important "for justice to prevail and to correct wrongs."

"No one and no other power persons, we continue to call on all those who want to join and contribute to nation building," he said.

Democratic discourse

Coloma underscored the importance of "reconciliation with justice" when asked if reconciliation efforts between the administration and Arroyo's camp would be in keeping with the "Pilipinas Tuli" call for unity.

He said neither the President nor the administration had an "agenda to quarrel [with] and engage in tirades with anyone," and described the administration's engagement with the opposition as "all in the spirit of democratic discourse."

On the other hand, it is impossible to just "narrow things under the rug," Coloma said, adding:

"You can't make the statement that the President and his administration is determined to keep his promise of change to the people.

"The President is so determined as he was one year ago to end the country's [cancer] the frustration of those who were frustrated with the social contract, and that is now embodied in the Philippine Development Plan."

Coloma said the people would hear from Mr. Aquino "the significant changes" that had already in his first year in office.

"He will also point to the way forward and renew his call for support from the citizenry," Coloma said.

Pajero bishops mum; some solons also got PCSO funds

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served Pajero while the congressmen got allocations from the charity agency.

Lacson declined to name the bishops and the lawmakers, who he said were allied with then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, some a Pampanga representative, until the documents were certified by the PCSO and the Commission on Audit (COA).

Documents as anomalies

"We have to see possession documents showing several anomalous transactions involving PCSO and some personalities who were not supposed to be recipients of PCSO funds," Lacson told reporters, referring to PCSO board resolutions.

"For instance there were three or four bishops who received Pajero or whatever," he said. "One has diseases for example, cannot be receive [PCSO] sufficed and the date of the board resolution covered the election period."

The senator got the names of five bishops who each received a Pajero from a source in the Church. He asked not to be named because of the sensitivity of the matter.

The new PCSO management said it was verifying reports that anyone, who faced several impeachment charges, had used its funds to acquire the support of bishops by giving them vehicles.

Vehicles worth P6.9 M

The COA memorandum confirmed that the PCSO purchased five vehicles worth P6.94 million that were "granted to Catholic Church archdioceses."

The audit agency said the was a violation of the Constitution, which states that no public funds should be appropriated for the benefit of any church, sect or denomination.

In a 2009 report on the PCSO that it released yesterday, the COA recommended that should the recipients of the vehicles, or the kind of cars that were bought.

Senate probe

Lacson said the blue ribbon committee, chaired by Cayetano, was set to open its inquiry into the PCSO anomalies on Wednesday next week.

"We agreed that it should be no-holds barred. Whatever comes up will not be covered up. All issues including graft, corruption, malfeasance should be included in the investigation," he said.

Arroyo's lessons

In the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Archbishop Paciano Aniceto said his service rebuke, a Toyota Innova, was provided by the archdiocese and did not come from government or any other charitable institution.

Aniceto declined to give his opinion on bishops who received vehicles from Arroyo using PCSO funds. He, however, said the acceptance of any government or nongovernment aid is a decision dependent on the discretion of the bishop.

"The bishop knows the current and urgent pastoral priorities in his diocese. An instance, the promotion of social action. The bishop is the conduit through which the aid is channeled to serve the needs of the poor communities," he said.

Priest disappointed

In Pangasinan province, a priest in the Lingayen-Dagupan archdiocese expressed disappointment over the decision of some bishops to accept vehicles from the PCSO, saying there is a very thin line between their decision in accepting the vehicles and the hunger of the poor.

"[They may say] that they accepted the high-end vehicles not for their own use but for the use of the diocese to carry out their apostolic work, but the poor may have another purpose—to buy their immediate necessities," said Fr. Oliver Mendoza, parish priest of San Fabian town.

He called on the bishops to "come out and state their reasons for accepting the vehicles to clarify things."

The Inquirer tried to reach Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Socrates Villegas. His assistants bee say told that he left for the United States on Wednesday.

Bagui Cubilla's Bishop Joseph Nacua said he did not know anything about the vehicles donated from PCSO. He said no bishop in Cagayan Valley received a fifth-unlimit Pajero from Arroyo.

Dissade not a recipient

In Oriental City, two priests and a lay leader denied an Inquirer report that the archdiocese of Oriental, through Archbishop Jesus Dosado, received a Pajero from the PCSO during the Arroyo administration.

Fr. Marvin Orimilla, administrator of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral and custodian of church properties, said Dosado was not a recipient of the luxury car from Arroyo.

On Thursday, the bourbon reported that Dosado had a gray Pajero which is often used by Catholic-owned radio DxJO.

But Fr. Edgar Cimatu, DxJO station manager, called the claim.

"[Fr. Cimatu, DxJO] station [did] and DSL have not used a Pajero from the bishop in all our operations," said Cimatu.

Lay leader Wendell Tabilang, DxJO-AM production chief, said Dosado's predecessor, Archbishop Antonio Franco, had initiated against the Oriental archdiocese "must be limited by proof, evidence and credible source."

Cimatu and Orimilla pointed out that the land-drunk in Oro, not Oriental, is Dosado's base.

Cimatu said the Catholic Church could look into charges that bishops were linked by Arroyo and question them if necessary. Ecop, Cayetano Emmanuel Tanad.

Return gifts

But first, the bishops should make amends by returning the "gifts," including the Pajeros, and refrain from receiving presidents from Arroyo, Lacson said.

"The bishops should come clean by doing what they preach to the congregation—tell the truth and confess to their sins and make amends by returning whatever ill-gotten gains they may have received from GMA," Lacson said in a text message.

Lack of moral ascendancy

The recipients, he added, "may honestly refuse from attending from [President Aquino] for [the] lack of moral ascendancy."

Romanus, chair of the committees on public order and public information, agreed that the bishops should "come clean."

Internal probe

But he said the serious allegations that could adversely affect Church credibility would be better addressed not through the media, but through an internal investigation by the CBCP.

"We should stop doing this over the media," Romanus said in a phone interview. "We don't want to blow this up, considering the sensitivity of the matter that will impact on the credibility and stability of the Church."

Secretary of the Philippines (CBCP) should look into charges that bishops were linked by Arroyo and question them if necessary. Ecop, Cayetano Emmanuel Tanad.

"Considering how vocal the Church is on local issues, it's not good for their credibility to be tainted," he added.

Address the charges

Former Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., head of the Center for Local Governance based at the University of Makati, said the bishops were left with no choice but to squarely address the charges.

"Unfortunately since the bishops concerned live in a country where suspicious relationship people, they only have a Filipino solution. They should simply grin and bear it or offer explanations that won't satisfy the already uncomfortable members of the people," he said by text.

The former senator, however, cautioned that the charges would make a dent on the credibility of the Church, which is fiercely opposed to the reproductive health (RH) bill.

"The Church, though, might lose the support of some on her anti-RH campaign because of this gulch between the irrationality of the RH bill and the frivolity of some of its shepherds," he said.

"But if that should come about, it would be a welcome development in cleaning perhaps the Augean stables that took place years ago," he added. With reports from Xianzhi Dizon, Inquirer Central Luzon, and Yolanda Estela and Hector Vivares Jr., Inquirer Northern Luzon, and Ryan U. Rosauro, Inquirer Mindanao

25 killed, 15 missing in Davao flash flood

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wrapped. Mark Louie was gone.

As of 2 p.m. yesterday the couple were still in the dark and confused over what happened.

What's worse, heavy silt in their village in Matina...called Arroyo-Compound—was hit by a flash flood, their baby was still nowhere to be found.

The civil-military operations unit of the 10th Infantry Division, quoting the city's social services and development office, said the number of bodies recovered reached 25, and that 15 others remained missing as of 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday.

Three of the bodies—a boy, a girl and an adult female—remained unidentified.

The Palomars had been out in the province since past 11 p.m. on Tuesday, after their country was engulfed by rampaging waters. The 23-year-old father clearly held his son. Beside him was his 18-year-old wife. They are still searching for their son.

REQUIEM FOR A FAMILY Alex Balicuatro lost his wife, Aileen, and his own children Alexis, 4, and Alexander, 7, in the flash flood that hit a residential area of Davao City on Tuesday night.

PILE-UP Private vehicles lie in a heap beside a road in Hi-Hi Banglad Phase 1 in Davao City. Heavy rains caused the Pong River in Davao City to overflow its banks.

Picture of devastation

Along with their relatives, Roque and Rachel climbed every funeral home in search for the baby who "was wearing a blue shirt and navy shorts."

At Cellados Funeral Parlor, where 15 bodies were brought, the couple met other families and relatives of flood victims but left with a heavy heart. Their baby was nowhere.

Quezon City paramedic Rianel gave a bleak stare. Roque, on the other hand, was a picture of devastation.

"I did not know that he was so large with me ... that he was already gone. I only noticed that he was already gone after I felt that my hand was already numbing," Roque said. He was still wearing the clothes he had on during the flood.

Seven bodies were brought to the Angel Funeral Homes.

Three-hour rain

On Tuesday, three-hour rains lashed Davao City until past 1 a.m., spawning a flash flood that brought Matina under water. Worst hit was the Arroyo Compound in Matina Pangi.

Some residents had to climb to the roofs of their houses to await rescue. Others braved the floods to look for high ground.

Some children did not survive the calamity. They included Carla Alvarez, 10; John Michael Alvarez, 7; Jason Saturno, 5; Dennis Apad, 4; Karl Andre Oliveros, 9 months; Rachel Ayag, 5; Kenneth Ayag, 6; Alexis Balicuatro, 4; and Alexandra Balicuatro, 7.

A relative of the Balicuatros said the family moved to the Arroyo Compound just last week, also in time for the wedding of the victims' parents, Alex and Aileen. Only Alex survived the tragedy.

Lost entire family

At the funeral home, the grieving Alex...wearing a bright red shirt with the words Happy Birthday on the back—was inconsolable when he saw his children and "left-at" ready-feed.

"I've lost them all," he said as he cried. "I could not save them."

At the time the water was rising, they were outside to check but we decided to see the house bobbing in the water, claimed by the river with his wife and two children.

Another man, Rene Ayag, a construction worker, lost two of his children—Rachel, 5 and Kenneth, 6.

Caught by a log

"I was holding them in my arms as we crossed flooded streets to go to a safe area, but a huge log blocked our way," he said.

Survivors of the flood recalled that the waters rose quickly that they swallowed under houses. It happened while most of them were deep in sleep.

Mayor Sara Duterte said the floods left 10 people dead and four others remain missing. As of 6 p.m., however, the city social welfare and development office said the number of fatalities has risen to 25. 11 of them are children.

"More than shock, the tragedy left me feeling the loss and the pain of the survivors. I feel for the parents who blame themselves for failing to save their children. I feel the pain of those who suffered from something that is beyond our control," Duterte said.

The mayor said the flood, unlike previous ones, was not triggered by the lingering drainage problem of the city but by "the overflowing river caused by the heavy rain."

Power risks

Vice Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, who went to the affected areas at dawn on Wednesday, said displaced residents need food, clothing and temporary shelter.

He said the city government might declare a state of calamity.

The flood hit villages are Matina Pangi, Matina Aplaya and Bangkal...all under the Talomo District.

The flood has resulted, but left residents with damaged or destroyed homes.

Davao Light and Power Co. (DLPC) asked residents to clean their electric sockets of grime before switching on power in their homes to prevent electrocution.

Rodjet Velasco, DLPC vice president for engineering, said DLPC switched off power in the area at the height of the floods.

While DLPC has restored power, engineers were still checking flooded areas to make sure it was safe to switch on the power.

"We cannot just do that unless we are certain that it is safe," said Velasco. Arthur M. Bajao, Dennis Jay Santos and Germelina Lacorte, Inquirer Mindanao

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INQUIRER Southern Luzon

A 2-story building for 'kariton' learners

By Marivar Cinco
Correspondent

Kristoffer Valdivia, 12, showed the faded lines scars on his left arm as he recalled how life was on the streets.

Eight years ago, when Kris was barely 4 years old, a fire devoured him inside as he and his mother slumbered in a newly scavenged garbage truck at the dump in Cavite City. Kris had tagged along and collected scrap metals that they sold to junk shops.

Kris fell into a pile of burning trash. After the accident, his mother abandoned him because he brought bad luck.

He was "rescued" from the streets by the Dynamic Teen Company (DTC), a nonprofit youth organization that initiated the "kariton" (cart) classroom (also called classroom on wheels) in 2007.

Now in Grade 6 in a public school, Kris is excited about attending class. He wants to become an English teacher, as the former "batukal boy" is now his favorite subject. Kris and his classmates are to be one of the smartest pupils.

Every Saturday since Kris joined the DTC, he volunteers to teach other children in classrooms.

Kris wants the first-aid kit that teaches children about first aid and hygiene. Other volunteers bring carts full of books, toys and other educational materials to dumps and marketplaces and hold classes there.

The kariton classroom aims to bring education to poor communities and help bring back the children to formal school and complete their education.

"The cart cannot place a big role. Children also enrol in to taught the proper values, to given the attention and feel that they are loved," says Efren Bellavida, DTC dean executive officer and 2009 CNN Hero awardee.

He says this is the reason he and other volunteers put up the Kalinguhit Batang Makinap Foundational Center, a learning and resource facility, to give love and care other kariton scholars a place for learning learned from regular school.

'Walking on dreams'

The facility formally opened on June 4, is a two-floor building on the 269-square-meter property that the DTC bought out of the CNN grant.

On the first floor is a classroom-type, multipurpose area, to rest, where lectures are to be conducted. On the second floor is a library filled with thousands of books donated for donated computers.

The building also serves as office and training center of volunteers.

Nonetheless, they can use the library. We only that we want to fire up the child's interest (in education) but also to help him excel in his class," Bellavida says.

A PLACE TO LEARN Surrounded by thousands of books, child scholars of the "kariton classroom" now have a place to study their lessons and enrich learning after school at this library in the newly-opened Dynamic Teen Company's Kalinguhit Batang Makinap Foundational Center in Cavite City. MARIVAR CINCO

His group had wanted to build the facility even before it received the CNN recognition, he says. "It is great we are now walking on our dream," he says of what he also calls the "kariton building" or their "largest kariton."

The building was designed to resemble a kariton. Bellavida says the building's finishing touch would include solar panels in the roof deck that resemble kariton handles.

"Kariton is very symbolic to us. It is our tool in bringing education out on the streets," he says.

Not a replacement

Bellavida, however, said the building is not a school, or a replacement to formal education, as his group wants children to obtain formal education.

In the past, he says, the DTC would only send finances and school supplies to scholars, but the children eventually dropped out of school and the money was used for other purposes.

"There were cases that were mismanaged. The parents would rather have their kids earn money instead of sending them to school," Bellavida says.

"There were also a factor (for children dropping out). Sure, we want to see that that the child and the parents are really interested about putting their child to finish studies," he says.

The DTC takes care of Kris and nine other scholars, all abandoned and abused children.

Expecting the number to grow, Bellavida says his group is now working on having a bigger building to house more beneficiaries.

In the meantime, kariton classrooms continue to ply the streets.

The DTC is working with the Department of Education to replicate the kariton classroom nationwide.

Bellavida says his group has also received an invitation from a foreign philanthropist, who plans to adopt the project in Southeast Asia.

For now, he says his group's hopes is on the streets of Cavite City. "We want to prove that we can do something to eventually take out all children from the streets," he says.

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Release NPA Hors de Combat on Humanitarian Grounds

A Call in Support of the GPH-NDFP Peace Talks

June 2011

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; and if he is thirsty, give him a drink." (Proverbs 25:21)[1] As civil libertarians, church people, and human rights advocates, we are supporting the basic faith imperative along with our appeal to humanize the raging armed conflict in the country.

We have appealed to the New People's Army in the past, calling on them to release prisoners of war on humanitarian grounds. In response, the NPA has released captured Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) soldiers and officers allowing them to reunite with their anguished wives and families.

We are now submitting an appeal to Lt. Gen. Arthur Tabaquero, chief of the Eastern Mindanao Command and Major General Jorge Segovia, commander of the 10th Infantry Division of the AFP to release the NPA hors de combat Gerwen delos Reyes, Ariel Hasbanosa, and Jimon Cochan whom they are keeping in hospital arrest after being critically wounded in a raid they launched on May 29 in Davao Oriental. The Philippine Army's 10th Infantry Division has rendered the three as in de facto prisoners of war.

Hors de combat, whether AFP or NPA fighters, are combatants who have been injured, rendered incapable of engaging in active combat, and are accorded rights to medical care and other rights under international humanitarian law. For this, we commend Davao City Vice Mayor Rodrigo Duterte for his timely help in transporting the NPA hors de combat so that they would gain access to life-saving medical treatment. We also laud those well-meaning individuals who have aided Vice Mayor Duterte in facilitating the emergency medical evacuation of the seriously wounded guerillas.

We believe that reciprocity is incumbent upon both protagonists in the civil war. As the NPA has released prisoners of war in the past, the time now calls on the AFP to reciprocate with its own humanitarian gestures.

If heeded by the AFP, this will be a significant step in humanize the dire impact of civil war on human lives and, more importantly, to bring forth confidence in the peace talks between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GPH) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP).

It does not bode well therefore that certain [illegible] not even rebellion charges, have been lodged against the NPA hors de combat to justify their continuing detention. While this has made them hospital arrest arguably legal or illegal, com is a humanitarian appeal for their immediate release to their families.

It is incumbent based on their intrinsic rights as hors de combat to international humanitarian law and under the GPH-NDFP Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) which is acknowledged to by both the AFP and the NPA.

Poverty and oppression have bred the present armed conflict that has raged for more than forty years in our country. Thus, we foresee that the civil war will continue as long as the roots of armed conflict are not addressed.

In the meantime, we can only call for sustained GPH-NDFP peace talks and hope to humanize the war, and we shall do so for civics family threatened by the detention of their loved ones as prisoners of war or as hors de combat. This fairly imperative has resonated since Biblical times: *"Should you kill men you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master. (2 Kings 6:22)"*

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Across the NATION

Provinces split on P-Noy's first year

By Inquirer Northern Luzon Central Luzon

LAOAG CITY—Various sectors in Ilocos Norte appeared to be satisfied with the performance of President Aquino in his first year in office.

In an informal survey that the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) conducted among members of the academe, nongovernment organizations, religious groups and government and private sectors, most gave the President a performance rating of 3 in a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 is the highest.

Mr. Aquino, according to the PIA survey, rated high in fighting graft and corruption, transparency, investigation and prosecution of government officials linked to serious anomalies.

The respondents also rated the private sector participation in infrastructure projects, the control in prices of basic commodities and the ban on the use of arms as among the positive aspects of his administration.

Some respondents were undecided when asked how the President performed in the areas of job and livelihood generation, improving quality of education, reducing poverty, controlling the influx of foreign direct investments with insurgents and other armed groups, and efforts to curb illegal gambling.

ANACHRONIST paints a mural that will be used to calm before President Aquino delivers his State of the Nation Address, marking his first year in office. —NIKKO ANTONIO

Hostage crisis

Bar Sept. Sterling Bitoco, Laoag City police chief, said the Aquino administration showed evidences in the handling of the Manila hostage crisis, where eight Hong Kong tourists were killed in a bungled rescue operation by the police.

"The President should have personally handled the situation considering that the hostages were foreigners. He should have shown his concern for the international community," he said.

In Nueva Ecija, Eduardo Rosario Joson, founder of the Citizen Power Movement, summed up the first year of Mr. Aquino as "failed expectations."

Joson, a former Nueva Ecija governor and representative, said the roads which the Aquino administration are touting "are still crooked and badly constructed."

The continuation of the controversial coal fired power plant, he said, highlights lack of economic vision and plan. The proposed dependency entire from jobs, he added.

Anticorruption

In Pangasinan, Victoria Garcia, Central Luzon governor of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry said the Aquino administration's anticorruption drive is commendable, particularly at Department of Public Works and Highways. "But [Mr. Aquino] still has to live a hands-on leader. He still has to do the same as other incompetent acting agencies," she said.

In Pampanga, Pampanga City Mayor Benjamin Lim rates Mr. Aquino's performance at 8 on a scale of 10.

"He has to cut the ground running, thanking respect to Arroyo plus. That should show difference you're supposed to be different from [former President] Gloria [Macapagal-Arroyo]," Lim said.

"But if you look at Lakas-Kampi performance, she makes results fast. She says cut corners but you can see the results immediately or in a shorter span of time," said Lim.

To show he is serious, Mr. Aquino has to start making heads roll, even if those involved in corruptions are his friends or allies, Lim said.

"Eventually, people's confidence will erode if they continue to see that the President is not doing the right things. He has to crack the whip," he said.

Crime campaign

He said Mr. Aquino had still to show he had done something substantial in health and education and in reducing crimes such as illegal drugs trade which impact on ordinary citizens.

Lina Dizon-Tan, chair of the Lourdes Ed Arroyo Foundation, said Mr. Aquino seems well to help the poor, but the success rate of his programs cannot be measured yet.

"It is good that the national government has extended its hand to the civil society groups to help, but the process is slow," she said.

In Bataan, Fr. Prospero Tenorio, chair of community formation of the Mariveles Diocese, gave the President a passing mark of 75.

"This is his first year in office. Let's give him the chance to show his worth and commitment to bring progress and development to our country," he said.

Alex Monroy, a resident of Bolinao town, gave Mr. Aquino a failing grade. "After nine years, only the wang-wang (siren) policy is fully implemented," he said.

Nilda Sevilla, outcast of PIMO, a group of relatives of victims of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances, said: "[Mr. Aquino] still has an attentive human rights ear. Despite repeated calls from PIMO and other human rights advocates, he has not ordered the enactment of an antitorture and disappearance law ... He promised to study the victims' rights months ago in a meeting in Malacañang." Reports from Cristina Arcadian, Jackelyn Cayabyab and Yolanda Ines de Jesus in Inquirer Northern Luzon; and Jhunrie Ordines, Armand Galang, Amadeo Roque and Gerardo Reyes-Bilangon, Inquirer Central Luzon

Gov't draft of pact seen submitted in August yet

OZAMIZ CITY—The government negotiating panel to talks with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) has asked to be given until August to submit its version of a proposed settlement with Muslim rebels.

A news release from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process did not say why the government panel deferred the submission of its proposed ceasefire land form expected.

During the panels' exploratory talks in April, chief government negotiator Marvic Leonen committed to formulating the document in time for the panel's next session.

Because of the deferment, what would have been a full panel meeting was downgraded into an executive session.

The government panel explained that instead of a full panel meeting, an executive session be held because it wasn't ready yet to submit a proposed/peace pact.

A news release of MILF quoted the government panel as saying it "regrets to inform the MILF" in the light of developing situations in the peace process which the government wants factored into the counter-proposal."

The MILF submitted a draft peace pact to government negotiators in February. One of its main proposals was the creation of a Bangsamoro substate, Reports by Rhoecris Carmelo, Inquirer Mindanao

Land reform descends on estate Arroyos deny owning

By Carla Gomez Inquirer Visayas

JOSE CELIS, 72, starts building a fence to mark the boundaries of his land after he and 67 other farmers were installed in Hacienda Bacan, an estate believed owned by the Arroyos. —RAFY JOSE

BABELIA, Negros Occidental—Contrary to rules, 67 people in the area installed as an owner of Hacienda Bacan here with 67 other farmers beneficiaries on Sunday, while a 20-year struggle to own the land.

Babes, a mother of seven, said the attachment while they have finally won their battle, but Inquirer Negros Salve, 66, couldn't be accused to celebrate with them.

Negros died in December in a hunger strike at the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) office in Quezon City by farmers demanding they be installed in Hacienda Bacan.

Hacienda Bacan covers 1,577.2 hectares with 140.12 hectares submitted as Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). Availing this would entitle each beneficiary to 2.9 hectares.

Of 68 beneficiaries, 43 are members of the Negros Occidental Federation of Farmers Associations and 25 belong to Task Force Mapalad (TFM).

The recipients of the land on Tuesday said they believed the property was owned by former First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and his brother Reg Agaza in absence (Reg Dee, 5th District).

Reverse district records of Oct. 3, 2003 showed Jose Miguel Arroyo to be owner of the land.

Superintendent Arroyo, however, said the land is neither his nor his brother's but that of Hyndai Agro Industrial Corp.

At a press conference here with his lawyer Bap Bandon following the installation, Superintendent Arroyo said he believes First Gentleman paid the capital gains tax for him while he was abroad.

"I didn't invest, though, But Jose Miguel owned the land, said the congressman.

The Supreme Court issued on Dec. 15, 2010 a temporary restraining order that directed the Land Registration Authority and the Register of Deeds to refrain from consolidating the ownership of Hacienda Bacan to the Republic of The Philippines.

The order also stopped government from issuing certificates of land ownership award (Clas) pending told on the merits of the injunction case filed by Hyndai to stop the transfer of the ownership of Bacan from Hyndai to the government and eventually to farmers.

In his memorandum dated June 6 enforcing the installation of Hacienda Bacan beneficiaries, Agrarian Reform Undersecretary Anthony Pantages said the DAR believed the TRO issued by the Supreme Court does not apply to the installation of 'Dee holders in Hacienda Bacan.

Pantages added that the Solicitor General's Office has already issued an opinion that there was no legal impediment to proceed in the installation of farmers in the Hacienda Bacan.

TFM spokesperson Lani Belleza said the TRO was moot and academic as the new title and Clean survey completed in Central last year.

Rafael Lindo personnel, led by Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer Pedy Servidad, arrived in Hacienda Bacan on Tuesday, the road going to the farm was blocked by a tractor and four motorcycles. Lindo's men asked the farmers not to take over until Representative Agrarian and Bandon arrived.

DAR personnel, however, as soon as Arroyo higher up in Manila went ahead with the installation. Red and white flags were seen on the farmers.

Bandon said his client would take legal action against the DAR personnel who installed the farmers, accusing them of violating the TRO that also applied to the installation.

He said the installation was illegal and he would ask the Supreme Court to cite the DAR personnel concerned in contempt.

Central Luzon floods reach more villages

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO... The number of flooded villages in Central Luzon rose to 792 on Wednesday from 649 on Monday, as floodwaters from upland areas settled downstream of the Pampanga River, a report from the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) said.

In Pangasinan, flooding in the province in the last four days left a person dead and destroyed 1,000 P.O.S.S.I. million worth of crops, fishery and roads in 24 towns and cities.

The number of flooded villages in Pangasinan increased from 200 to 294 and in neighboring Bulacan from 236 to 276, the OCD report said. The two provinces are in the mouth of the Pampanga River where 30 river systems in Central Luzon drain before reaching Manila Bay.

Reports said many levels have receded to less than two feet in some areas.

The floods have cut more than 67,000 people in public elementary schools and barangay halls that served as evacuation centers in the region.

The number of drowning victims in Central Luzon rose to six, while two others remained missing.

In Pampanga, at least 20 dikes, spillways and bridges were damaged, said reports from the provincial disaster risk reduction and management council. Flooding destroyed nearly 9% million in livestock and poultry and P140 million in crops and fishery.

The lone casualty in Pampanga was Nicanda Jacob, 59, who was swept away by raging current in Barangay Sto. Rosario-Sapa in Mabalacat City on Sunday. Rosalie Reyes, Inquirer Central Luzon, and Gabriel Cardenas, Inquirer Northern Luzon

In Koronadal City, 28,000 plant 108,000 trees in 20 minutes

By Ben Rey de Guzman-Malasa Inquirer Mindanao

KORONADAL CITY—At least 28,000 people planted 108,000 tree seedlings across the city's 26 barangay in only—which spans six villages—in less than 20 minutes yesterday.

Organizers had hoped the event would be recognized by the Guinness World Records as the biggest number of people planting trees in so short a time.

For Mayor Peter Miguel, however, it was not about just planting seedlings, but a paradigm shift for people on environmental issues.

"This campaign is more than reforestation, it's about changing the attitude of the people," he said.

The Benro association range is among the major sources of water for the Lagasican Bluish Dam. Residents were among surveyed reasons over five cities in the search, blamed for current floods in Maguindanao, North Cotabato and Cotabato City.

Dubbed the Tree Growing Festival, the event was held in time for the International Environment Month.

Miguel said the city government spent P200 per day for each five-week beneficiaries for 11 days from June 11 to the 30 index for the tree planting.

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SPORTS

Romero pins Olympic hopes on shotgun

By Marc Anthony Reyes

PHILIPPINE SHOOTING'S Olympic hopeful starts with three shooters.

Newly elected Philippine National Shooting Association president Abraham Romero said the country is hoping to qualify as many shooters for the 2012 London Olympics next year.

It is get-together for weekend-long forward to earning a ticket to London in 2012. Tejanico is set to fly to Jamaica to hone his skills through tournaments there.

Romero also barred his plans to stage the 2011 Pinoy International Shotgun Cup on Dec. 6 to 14. The Pinoy Cup will have competitions in trap, skeet, sporting clay and combat shotgun events.

Romero is eyeing Mauminhgas, Antipolo and Barangay 20 Sports Complex in Tacloban as possible venues for the PNSA cup and does want to use the weekend, Romero said three shotgun bets are the most likely candidates for the Olympics: first ing, Hagen Topacio and Ryant Rosales.

Ang, who competed as wild card in the 2008 Beijing Games, said they must compete in international events to earn enough points to qualify.

Topacio and Rosales are look-

'Homeless' SEAG athletes?

By Jove Mendoza

THE PHILIPPINE delegation bound for the Southeast Asian Games could face billeting problems since the monstrosmidal athletes' village could only accommodate 3,000 of the 5,000 expected athletes in Palembang's national sports officials promising to book displaced athletes in hotels.

Palembang plans host to 25 of the 44 sports in the 26th SEAG on Nov. 11 to 22 while the rest of the disciplines will be played in Jakarta.

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VS SRI LANKA

PH Azkals salvage draw

By Cedrik F. Tapay

COLOMBO—A resilient Philippine side fought back to salvage a 1-1 stalemate against Sri Lanka Wednesday in the first leg of their opening round World Cup qualifying match at the Sugathadasa Stadium here.

Substitute Hans Barkey, making his debut for the Philippines, headed home James Younghusband's saved header in the 80th minute to give the Azkals a precious away goal heading to the second leg in Manila on Sunday.

An away goal will only count if a two-leg series ends tied on aggregate, meaning a scoreless draw will be enough for the Azkals to go through to the next round against Bhutan.

Playing their first World Cup qualifying match in 20 years, the Azkals fell behind on the 43rd minute when Dinuli Chathuranga Jayasundara headed home a corner kick from a diving Neil Etheridge to finish.

It was an even semblance of the low-scoring goal that the Azkals yielded to Myanmar in the AFC Challenge Cup in March.

After a quiet opening half, the Azkals, capped off by about 200 Philippine supporters in the stadium, came alive in the last 45 minutes, keeping the Sri Lankans on their heels.

Stephan Schrock, making his Philippine debut, was an influential figure as central midfield and his passing consistently opened up the Sri Lankan defense.

But except for Barkey's goal, the Azkals lacked the clinical finishing touch to punish the Sri Lankans, who refused to back down, making the match a rugged affair.

The only numbers came in the 14th minute when Del Younghusband was fouled by midfield enforcer Bashir, triggering a scuffle in the middle of the field.

James Younghusband and Mohammed Isaq got yellow cards in the aftermath of the incident. Two other Azkals were booked—Schrock and skipper Aly Borromeo, who were shown yellow cards for unnecessary challenges.

Phil Younghusband had two glorious early chances saved by Manjula Weranda in the first half, before the Filipino-British striker was substituted by Barkey in the 49th minute for what looked like a hamstring injury.

Proving more prescient on the Sri Lankans immediately after the restart, the Azkals were rewarded with Barkey's scrappy goal.

Chieffy Caligdong, the only homegrown player in the starting lineup, found a long free kick into the area that was met by James Younghusband, whose header looked to have crossed the line.

Amid the confusion, Barkey was quickest to react and he lunged a home for the equalizer.

PUSPAKUMARA Puspakumara in a game that ended in a 1-1 draw.

Unbeaten Texters face Llamados in Dubai

HOW D-MAX (super) limited Winners makes his debut in Dubai today as the Llamados (3) to end Talk 'N TEXT three-game winning run in the PBA Governors' Cup at the Al Shabab Sports Club.

After spending more time in the air the past four days since leaving Puerto Rico to join B-Meg, Fonacier will be practically in stitch with Dubai time for the game slated at 7 p.m. (11 p.m. Manila time) today.

"Yeah from Puerto Rico, he's practically back in his time frame, and that's good for us," said coach Jorge Gallent of Homer, who arrived in Manila on Monday then left for Dubai with the rest of the team the next day.

Homer's Boss practically halfway around the world from Puerto Rico to the United States then to Japan for a short sojourn before going to Manila.

"He looks well and in good shape. Hopefully, he can show it in the game," said Gallent.

"He has a good shooting stroke. He really looks a lot better than Steffon (Hamuka)," said B-Meg top local Antoni Sap.

The Tropang Texters, who are shooting for just the toughest (8th) United Arab Emirates (UAE) title, is also scheduled to play tune up match on Monday even as Barangay Ginebra, their second foe, joined its campaign.

Talk 'N Text coach Chot Reyes is wary of the fact that his squad also did a lot of travelling before clashing with the Llamados and with the Gin Kings. Meanwhile, Guardio-

Lito Puyat eyes 'UA-NC' merger

By Dennis U. Rivas, Inquirer Libre

GONZALO "LITO" PUYAT, two-time president of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), wants a merger between the UAAP and NCAA to strengthen the talent base of Philippine basketball.

In an exclusive interview, Puyat, now 78, said he is more than willing to help open the door for the merger of the country's two biggest and popular collegiate leagues.

"I touch on the particular forum of the presidents and owners behind the account of the UAAP and NCAA to explore a merger (which) will result in a stronger and solid Philippine basketball," said Puyat.

Puyat said schools play crucial roles in discovering fresh basketball talents.

"Schools are the breeding grounds not only of basketball stars but sporting heroes in general," said Puyat, who headed Fiba from 1976 to 1980.

Puyat also lauded Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas chair Manny V. Pangilinan for the Smart Gilas program, adding also that it's time to believe that Gilas "can be top-pled" from its Asian throne.

Look who's pleading with the IOC

CAUSA A FORMIS. If nothing, some late Tuesday's headlines could've also read: Majority censure of P-Noy.

It was asked if the President will accord.

"I'm censuring (self), mainly from our Oasis circus. It's too early to tell.

"Nearly 7 of 10 (68 percent say) it is too early to say if President Aquino's six-year term will end in success or failure," the latest report stated.

The figure was based on the latest Social Weather Station (SWS) survey.

The survey was conducted to coincide with President Aquino's first year in office.

Yes, success.

But censuring on Philippine sports, this was exactly the opposite with its long hole, pandemonium of the national track and field association, some happy months ago.

Go, or LTK, was what we may call the hardball, the gung-ho at the Philippine Olympic Committee.

He would be at the forefront whenever they would suffer snags in requirements of schedules and commitments.

Bare Eye

Recah Trinidad

He was so visible, so reliable at the POC, it sometimes becomes suggestion to label LTK Peping Cojuangco's favorite, a friend of beneficiary.

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You see it's also open knowledge Cojuangco retained the POC presidency by the skimmer of margins in their last poll through lots held all-night long.

Cojuangco, however, tried to repay his favors.

You could name the vast national sports officials were enjoying a honeymoon of sorts.

Then, all of a sudden, things wound up for the two reliable LTK.

He got kicked in the butt following a turmoil over the presidency in the conduct of last-ride resolution.

Go seem to want to remove the favoritism perception which he denied had been illegally effected in his time.

First he knew, Go has been declared persona non grata at the POC.

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Actually Go wanted to join the group headed by Senator Sen. Miki Coseteng when they went to the Office of the Ombudsman to file malfeasance charges last week.

Of course, what Go really wanted was to chronic his case to no high-er the International Olympic Committee.

Here's one message Go sent to Frank Elizalde, the Philippine representative to the IOC:

"Sorry Sir, Sobe Frank. The POC Board is composed of people who are involved in various irregularities and are facing corruption charges. Gamesha has been accused of collecting ghost coaches' fees, Pantoveña can't liquidate and recent cases funds used to fund-raising the 2009 SEA Games. Jose Mari Joseph has been charged before the Ombudsman for graft and other violations. Bottomline it is beyond me before the Body courts for his illegal takeover of karambola."

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Go did not get any reply.

He be fired off another desperate message.

"Sobe, here are three people advising Mr. Cojuangco currently sobre their legality and integrity are being questioned." "How has four-in-division in weightlifting for eight years now, and yet, they want me out of POC for only asking due process."

Elizalde would not give a damn.

But LTK stood give up.

He's now moving to the IOC itself.

"Sobe Elizalde," Go pleaded, "you are the only remaining sobre listed in the POC and I know you carry the Olympic spirit of fair play and justice in your person. Please provide something to take to the IOC about the corrupt and foul things happening in Philippine sports. Or else, Sobe?"

It's only unlikely Elizalde would listen to Go.

Meanwhile, allow me to offer space in my next column for whatever reply to-from sports officials exhibited by Go Ring Ticket may down necessary to no print.

God bless Philippine sports.

FDG match excites Lee

LEE

PUBLIC NO. 1 Lee Chong Wei yesterday expressed his elation over the two chances to stay his course before Filipino foes as he joins the PDG Cup 2011 National Open and Invitational badminton tournament tomorrow at Powerhouse in Makati City.

"Yes—[then beat] and I am very excited and feel honored to be invited and be part of the prestigious PDG Cup," Lee said.

Lee and Koo, currently the world No. 4 in men's doubles with Boon Heong Tan, will play in exhibition matches in the final day of the two-day event on Saturday with officials of the sponsoring Robinsons Land Corp., headed by its president Frederick D. Go, and veteran internationals and the country's former No. 1 honoree, Asuncion.

Also seeing action in the event are the country's leading players, headed by Mahrose Alcasi, who will be teaming up with Santos San Ignacio in the ladies doubles' event while others PHP1,000 to the champion.

Slaughter OK triggers team protests

By Jasmine W. Pipa

THE UAAP debut of three foreign rookies remains uncertain as seven of league officials also propose to contest the recommendation of the eligibility panel to clear Ateneo's Greg Slaughter and classic down National University's Ray Parks.

Nigerian Alioke Mbah of the University of the Philippines, Centennial Kenyan Abdul of the University of Santo Tomas and Canadian teammate Jamal Howell failed to submit the required documents for foreign players in the recent eligibility meeting.

The foreign trio, though, may still complete their requirements before the UAAP board releases the final men's basketball lineup next week.

Slaughter got the green light from the eligibility panel, yet may still need to handle questions from several members of the 10-man board, who alleged that the 6-foot-11 Ateneo Gilas national team mainstay "violated certain rules on residency."

Parks, the flashy son of actress-model Impeth Bobby Parks, also lacked documents to back up claims that he's

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Barreiro makes good impression

If Wiki-perfect timing that TV5 President/CEO Bobby Barretto wrapped up an important PBA presentation an hour or two before his scheduled dinner with a small group of sports columnists at Gerry's Grill in Tomas Morato was Wiki-perfect.

The meeting between the PBA board and TV5 executives, which also included Nino Lacuesta, then at its Cuneta Pavilion headquarters, involved the ever-lit-fire PBA delegation's departure for Dubai where three more—Chooloo, Tolk 'N' Tots, and X-Blog Derby Ace were scheduled to play two games.

IN HUDDLE

Boots Cortez

The presentation was not covered by media, giving the columnists present first crack at what transpired.

There were several items on the agenda which the board wanted to discuss at length with us," Barretto revealed. "For example, they wanted details of our marketing plan. Then also wanted to know more about the technical channel where the PBA games will be aired."

Of course both parties wanted to be clear on the luckiest issue as the board requested for the specific figures involved in the five-year contract. I take this to mean that the board wanted to know how payments will be made over a five-year period, which is the duration of the contract.

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Bob is definitely no stranger to the PBA television screenings. He was on top of TV5 (then known as ABC-5) when the network acquired the just-franchised channel when the PBA games still

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Inquirer Quezon Province Research

By Nino Calleja

A BANK manager was briefly held by four armed men who took her sport utility vehicle (SUV), P46,000 in cash and other valuables before dawn yesterday.

Supt. Emmanuel Taberna, Mariveles deputy police chief, told the Inquirer that the carjackers released the victim after nearly an hour and even gave her P1,000 so that she could go home.

He identified the woman as Shelvin Raymon, 33, the manager of a bank based in Tagaig City and a resident of Barangay Cawayan, Mariveles City.

Case investigator SPO2 Gerry Gonzales said that Raymon was about to park her gray Hyundai Tucson with plate number NQU-871 at the garage of her house at around 3:30 a.m. yesterday when four men got into the SUV.

At gunpoint, they ordered her to move to the front passenger seat while one of them took over the wheel.

The victim said she noticed a brandy-tinted sedan Honda Civic following them the whole time as they drove from Manila via City to Roxphicom Avenue and then C5 Road.

At one point, the armed men stopped at a bank and asked the victim for her automated teller machine (ATM) card.

"[Out] of fear, the victim [did not protest] when the robbers asked for her ATM card and its PIN," Gonzales said.

The robbers then withdrew P46,000 in cash from her account. They also seized her laptop computer and cell phone.

Less than an hour after they took her, they dropped her off in the C5-Palar area at the boundary of Makati and Taguig City.

"Surprisingly, the robbers handed her P1,000 for her fare and told her she would see her car [again]," Taberna said.

Although the police have yet to recover the missing SUV, they were hesitant to brand the incident as a car theft case.

They cited the case of another Mariveles resident, a businessman in an SUV, who was also briefly held last month by armed men who took the P6,000 in cash he had with him.

The victim was later released in Silang, Cavite, along with his valuables.

"But we justified this [case] under car theft because the vehicle remains missing to this hour," Gonzales said.

Taberna added that they were preparing artist sketches of the car thieves while librarian police stations had been alerted to watch out for the stolen SUV in their areas.

WIRE TRIPPING
A man high on drugs (right) refuses to leave his friend's place for him to come down from an electric post near the corner of Edsa and Ayala Avenue in Makati City. Several policemen later scaled the post and forced the man onto the ground.

Punishing a crusader

JUSTICE Secretary Leila de Lima is becoming an enigma, a riddle, nowadays.

But can't read what's on her mind.

De Lima says transcripts of tapes from the Bureau of Immigration did not show that Hubert Webb, principal accused in the Vizconde massacre, left the country.

But the justice secretary says the investigation found no new evidence that put the rest of former Sen. Freddie Webb on trial for his concerned in the worst of the crime.

She says Hubert Webb didn't leave the country but, on the other hand, she says there is no proof that he and his cocounsel both put in the Vizconde massacre.

What is which, Ma'am?

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If there is no new evidence that points to Webb or all's indictment in the massacre, why did the prosecution with the news that Webb was in the country at the time of the Vizconde massacre on June 30, 1991?

If there are new witnesses, how come they didn't come out during the country's "trial of the (1991) century?"

Why are the identities of the witnesses being kept secret?

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If the transcripts of the tapes at the Bureau of Immigration did not show that Webb left the country, so what?

Why didn't the investigators check with the 111 immigration bureau if Webb arrived in Americas on March 1991 as he claimed?

111 immigration is sure to have the list of all arriving passengers at the Los Angeles City International Airport in March 1991.

Such a simple act of looking into 111 immigration records would have precluded De Lima's groundbreaking late Tuesday.

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Margarita Juico, chair of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, has assured President Gloria of giving honorary vehicles to some Catholic bishops.

But can you blame Ms Gloria?

The ex-president's fear of going to hell with hardened likes Arroyo is an intense she had to buy a place in heaven from the bishops.

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Director Owen de Lucas, head affairs service chief of the National Police Commission (Napolcom), has been relieved after he called for rotation with in the police body.

Napolcom's controls and administrative the Philippine Nations of Police (PNP).

During a news conference, De Lima announced the dismissal or inaction of the PNP on each citizen as drug trafficking, illegal gambling, prostitution, human trafficking and kidnapping.

Napolcom vice chair Ed Escueta issued De Lima's relief order.

But why punish someone who is a crusader?

SHORTCUT
A boy puts his face through a hole in a wall to chat with a neighbor living on the other side of the street in Taguig City.

Volunteers to advise smokers

By Jovelyn Aning

THE PHILIPPINE Medical Association (PMA) will deploy its members to the streets tomorrow to help the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) enforce a smoking ban in all public places throughout the metropolis.

However, PMA president Dr. Oscar Tinio said their members would not apprehend those caught violating the ban. Instead, they would distribute educational materials and remind smokers about the disadvantages of cigarettes.

"It is the duty of every Filipino to save and protect irreplaceable human lives and we in the private sector, most especially the doctors, must play an active role in the campaign to seek solutions to stop the deadly effects of tobacco smoke on our people," Tinio said in a statement.

He added that PMA members would also be ready to give advice and information to any person who may want to seek professional help from public and private smoking cessation centers in Metro Manila.

"We view smokers as victims of tobacco addiction who definitely need professional help. A person addicted to tobacco substance is not in total control of himself and is always in a state of denial constantly seeking his fix for the day whenever, wherever and whatever it may cost him," he added.

The MMDA is set to implement a ban on public smoking in the metropolis starting on July 1 following a month-long information drive, during which enforcers merely issued warnings to smokers.

San Mateo execs rapped over 'nude festival'

By Nilo Calvja

THE SAN MATEO municipal government will file criminal and administrative complaints against some barangay officials who reportedly required the child participants in a "palaro" or sports competition to be naked.

Mayor Rafael Diaz ordered the filing of charges after a crew from television network ABS-CBN showed him pictures of naked children playing traditional Filipino games during a celebration in Barangay Guitnang Bayan I earlier this month.

The photos featured several children aged 7 to 13 reacting to the "ball" filling batches of water with their urine or playing patintero (a game in which participants try to be first to climb to the top of a ground pole) in their underwear.

Diaz said the Department of Social Welfare and Development would file administrative and criminal charges with the municipal council-organized prosecutor's office as soon as they identify the barangay officials behind the palaro.

Citing Republic Act 7610 or the Anti-Child Abuse law, the mayor said the barangay officials had "deliberately" violated.

Among the officials seen in the photos were barangay chair Leo Buenviaje and Kitad provincial board member Joy Mallanao.

Diaz said members of the Commission on Human Rights went to San Mateo yesterday to conduct an investigation. The municipal council would also decide if a 60-day preventive suspension would be imposed on Buenviaje and the other officials.

Sought for comment, Buenviaje said the "nude festival" is his barangay's fund-raiser, a tradition for seven five-decades.

He said the nine-day celebration of the Feast of Senior de Burgos culminated on June 23 with a Holy Mass and a pabasa whose participants included both adults and children.

"I was not the one behind the conduct of the games. I had just attended Mass when the news outside the chapel caught my attention and I stayed to watch," Buenviaje said as he added that he and the other officials were ready to face the charges that would be filed against them.

Diaz, on the other hand, said that he had yet to hear of a "nude festival" in the town.

"There's no such tradition because this has no cultural value. How can they derive entertainment from this?" he added.

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Manila jail inmate killed in escape try

By Jayrose T Garrel

A TEENAGER detained at the Manila City Jail (MCJ) was killed when he attempted to escape on Tuesday night.

Fritz Agipo, an 18-year-old resident of Binondoc, Manila, who was doing time for theft, was shot after he climbed up the prison wall and tried to jump down from the roof.

Senior Jail Officer 3 Agapito Garcia, the desk officer of the MCJ Investigation, Detection and Management Unit, fired the shot which hit Agipo in the back and killed him.

Agipo's fellow inmates told the police that he had tried to escape at around 8 p.m. on Sunday. One of them, Eduardo Perez, 43, was quoted in police reports as saying that he opened Agipo's cell using the tool of the facility and making his way toward the perimeter wall.

Perez added that he tried to dissuade the victim from escaping but the latter did not listen to him.

A report submitted by case investigator PO2 Roderick Paulino of the Manila Police District Homicide section said that another prisoner, Joey Cantos, told the cell leader, Ernesto Castaneda, that the victim was trying to escape.

Castaneda said that he immediately rushed toward the perimeter wall where he found a gumboy and some coconut pulling. "Daya, daya ito! Akmat, pet dosen't" he turned out to be Garcia.

Agipo, however, continued his attempt to escape, jumping onto the roof of the detention facility. The shooting, prompting Garcia to fire his service pistol which hit Agipo in the back.

He was taken down and rushed to a hospital where he was declared dead on arrival.

Garcia's service firearm has been submitted to the MPD Crime Laboratory for a forensic examination, Paulino said.

Sisterhood University MOU Signing Between Laguna University and University Of Makati

Laguna Governor and Laguna University Chairman Jeorge "E.R." Ejercito Estregan" signed a Sisterhood University Memorandum of Understanding with University of Makati President Tomas B. Lopez, Jr. last June 1, 2011 at Makati City. The memorandum of understanding between the two universities aims to strengthen their ties through capacity and capability building exchange programs for faculty and youth development, tradition sharing, education and sports development, environmental protection and public health.

The MOU was signed during the 51st Foundation Day of Makati City, Blessing and Inauguration of the "Pinaretel Center for Local Governance" and book launching of Reinventing Makati: "A Vision of Vice Presidents Jejomar Binay".

In Photo from left to right are Professor Adelina S. Patricio, Governor Jeorge "E.R." Ejercito Estregan, Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr., (back row) Dr. Nora Lumbera-Magcayan, Atty. Leonardo M. Regala, Jr., Professor Bonifacio R. Umaclang and Professor Gilbert G. Lucasan.

METRO BRIEFS

Man shot dead

A 28-YEAR-OLD bricklayer was shot dead on Tuesday night by a still unidentified gunman at the corner of P. Gomez and Tenejero Streets in Quiapo, Manila. The victim was identified as William Bautista, a resident of Dragon Street in Caloocan, and a homeless person working for a marketing drug nearby. The police said that earlier, a heated argument broke out between the shooter and the victim and the employer. The man then left but came back carrying a gun. "With intent to kill, treachery and evident premeditation, he then shot the victim, who was standing at the entrance of Mercantile Building at the time," a report from the Manila Police District's homicide section said. Bautista was rushed to Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center by his brothers Rodolfo and Willie but he was pronounced dead on arrival. ACT-TF 21 p.m. due to severe gunshot wounds to the chest. The police said they were still conducting a follow-up investigation.

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Globe sets up Libreng Text and Charging Station in areas hit by calamities.

UTILITY PROVIDERS are naturally expected to deliver basic services whenever and wherever they are needed. However, once disaster strikes, the importance of utility companies is further highlighted as people clamor for continuous supply of power and potable water as well as uninterrupted telecommunications services.

Globe Telecom, the country's leading telecommunications provider, has come up with a business continuity management program compliant to international standards to make certain that business processes especially those with the greatest impact are unhampered even during emergency situations. Its primary goal is to ensure that Globe is prepared for, can respond to, and is able to recover from a disaster.

Its first step, Globe has completed upgrades on its network transport backbone which spans from Luzon all the way to Mindanao, thereby allowing improved network coverage even during calamities. "The mission-critical systems of Globe are designed for resiliency that is achieved not only through the installation of redundant components, but also through disaster-recovery sites which allows Globe to operate back-up sites in case one of its facilities fails," said Globe chief risk officer Albert de Leon natalal.

At present, Globe has three IT Data Centers which are strategically located to lessen the possibility of system downtime due to man-made and natural calamities. A fourth Data Center is in the process of being set up in an area not vulnerable from flooding and recent ground movements. The IT systems are properly zoned or ranked according to business impact so that the necessary infrastructure, technical support and processes are put in place. The disaster recovery platforms and processes are also regularly tested to ensure that they will work when needed, and enhanced if necessary.

Moreover, the crisis management program of Globe and the people behind it provide an assurance that Globe can immediately rise above a disaster. De Leon natal said that disaster preparedness and response has always been integral part of the company's operations, with the safety and security of its employees being the paramount concern, along with the protection of its property and assets.

Globe regularly undertakes Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Programs via awareness campaigns, life safety trainings, and periodic emergency drills, particularly for the corporate officers and major facilities to manage and mitigate the effects that threaten the people and the company's network infrastructure.

Last year, as a testament to the company's unwavering commitment to public service, Globe organized a Regional Crisis Management Group whose mandate is to provide a "quick response" capability for crisis-screening at the regional level and to ensure appropriate risk reduction strategies are implemented at all mission-critical sites of Globe. By adopting a "region-based" approach to disaster response, the people are assured that regardless of the event, critical services will continue to operate. This approach includes preparing for natural disaster and events that could affect Globe employees and network.

Each Regional Crisis Management Team (RCMT) is expected to address crisis situations which have not yet reached nationwide proportions, as well as damage to network infrastructure, restore services at the soonest possible time, and minimize the impact of the crisis.

During severe weather conditions, Globe also coordinates with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRMC) through the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) to update them on the status of the company's network.

To give back to the communities where its sites and people are located, Globe through its Corporate Social Responsibility arm Globe Bridging Communities, conducts community relief operations and sets up free calls and charging facilities in affected areas. It, likewise, aids in community rebuilding and rehabilitation through the Bangon Pinoy program, a community rebuilding and rehabilitation initiative created in 2009 to help people rebuild their lives after the devastation brought by typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng.

"Our people are trained to prepare for and respond to a disaster and restore immediate restoration of services within 24 hours. While we continue to make our network disaster-ready by addressing points of failure, and investing heavily on resiliency and redundancy measures, our trained and committed teams serve as our second line of defense in the event our network is still hit by disasters," added de Leon natal.

Overall, Globe has taken steps and strives for continual improvement in ensuring that its services and the entire organization is disaster ready because in Globe, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness is not just a priority but an inherent value.

Globe engineers work on a cell site after a severe typhoon

One of the restoration activities being conducted by Globe when disaster strikes

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Editor Lawrence B. Ganaa

Birthplace of atomic bomb under siege from wildfire

LOS ALAMOS—A wildfire burning near the desert birthplace of the atomic bomb advanced on the Los Alamos laboratory and thousands of residents dressed in plastic suits contaminated waste on Tuesday as authorities stopped up of holes to prevent the ash from flames and smoke the air for radiation.

Officials at the nation's premier nuclear weapons lab gave assurances that dangerous materials were safely stored and capable of withstanding flames from the 280-sq km fire, which as of midday was as close as 11 metres from the grounds.

A small patch of land on the laboratory grounds caught fire on Monday before firefighters quickly put it out. Teams were on high alert to protect on any new flames and spare the day removing brush and tree-hanging tree limbs from the lab's perimeter.

"We are throwing absolutely everything at this that we can get," Democratic Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico said in Los Alamos.

The fire has forced the evacuation of the entire city of Los Alamos, population 11,000, east giant plumes of smoke over the region and caused fears among nuclear watchdogs that it will reach as many as 30,000 200 liter drums of plutonium-contaminated waste.

"The concern is that those drums will get so hot that they'll burst. That would put this waste material into the plume. It's a concern for everybody," said Joni Arends, executive director of the Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety, an anti-nuclear group.

Arends' group also worried that the fire could stir up nuclear contaminated soil on lab property where experiments were conducted years ago. Over the years, burrowing animals have brought that contamination to the surface, she said.

Lab officials said there was very little risk of the fire reaching the drums of low-level nuclear waste, since the flames would have to jump through campus first. Officials also stood ready to coat the drums with fire-resistant foam if the blaze got too close.

Lab spokesperson Lisa Rosendorf said the drums contain Cold War-era waste that the federal government pays to ship to a safety standard that would withstand a wildland fire worse than this one," Rosendorf said.

AP

Taliban storm top Kabul hotel; 10 killed

KABUL—Eight heavily armed Taliban militants stormed a top Kabul hotel, sparking a firestorm battle involving Afghan commandos and a Nato helicopter gunship that ended hours later with at least 10 civilians dead.

Officials said all eight of the attackers were killed after they raided the hilltop Intercontinental hotel, whose hotel grandeur frequently plays host to Afghan officials and foreigners, late on Tuesday.

Red tracer bullets arced through the night sky around the hotel and part of the building was in flames.

The state-owned TOLOnews noted, which is not part of the global television network chain, was hosting delegates attending an Afghan security conference and a large wedding party where the insurgents struck.

Kabul police chief Ayub Salangi said that 10 people, mostly hotel workers, were killed in the raid and three police officers were wounded.

The initial armed assault was attacked the Intercontinental hotel at 11:00 last night... the operation ended at 3:00 a.m. Wednesday morning of... so the eight terrorists were killed," the interior ministry said in a statement.

Among those staying at the hotel were government officials from across the country who were in Kabul for a conference on the hand over of power from foreign to Afghan security forces. The process starts next month.

Panicked guests were told to stay in their rooms after the attacks, saw officials said were thought to have outside rooms, via phone guns and rocket-propelled grenades, somehow evaded sporadic security checks.

AFP

'Gadhafi could fall in 2 to 3 months'

TRIPOLI/AMSTERDAM—Libya's Moammar Gadhafi could fall within two to three months, the International Criminal Court's prosecutor said on Tuesday, as rebels sought to build on a gradual advance towards Tripoli.

The ICC's Luis Moreno-Ocampo, who on Monday announced an arrest warrant for Gadhafi on charges of crimes against humanity, is the most senior international official to say the Libyan leader would soon topple after a Nato-backed revolt.

"It is a matter of time... Gadhafi will face charges," Moreno-Ocampo told reporters in The Hague, where the warrants were approved for Gadhafi, his son Saif al-Islam and Libyan intelligence chief Abdullah al-Senussi.

He added: "I don't think we will have to wait for long... In two or three months it is game over."

The Libyan administration rejects the authority of the ICC and has denied targeting civilians, saying it has acted against armed criminal gangs and al Qaeda militants.

While there is little chance of Gadhafi being arrested if he remains in power, his fate have raised on the moment to justify the three-month Nato bombing campaign and to try and bolster world opinion in support of the operation. In Washington, a US Senate panel backed a resolution to formally authorize continued US participation in the Nato-led operation. Senators on the panel exhaled President Barack Obama for not having sought congressional approval in the first place.

In comments that appeared to make any political settlement even less likely, rebels and aides talks in Paris that even indirect contacts with Gadhafi were were ended—hardening a line that could now acknowledged talks through intermediaries.

"I don't think there is any place for direct or indirect contact with Gadhafi," Mahmoud Shammam, a spokesperson for the National Transitional Council (NTC) said after meetings with French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

In its eastern stronghold of Benghazi, the NTC hosted the foreign ministers of Bulgaria, whose country along with Romania brought to at least 22 the three-month Nato bombing campaign the NTC as representative of the Libyan people.

The rebellion against Gadhafi has made only slow progress since March, countries began bombing three months ago, but rebels say their job finally advancing closer to Tripoli.

Rebels based in the Western Mountain region southwest of the capital made their biggest breakthrough in weeks on Sunday to reach the town of Bir al-Ghnaem, where they are now fighting pro-Gadhafi forces by control, their spokesperson said.

The move took them 30 km north of their previous position and closer to Tripoli, Gadhafi's main power base.

Reuters

Lagarde becomes 1st woman to head IMF

PARIS—Christine Lagarde has rounded tirelessly to save the euro and France's tradition women-born Chirac to Merkel to Gadhi of power long dominated by men.

The French finance minister with a formal grin and long stride now faces her toughest job yet heading the International Monetary Fund. She takes over at a pivotal time as the euro's debt crisis has moved has a euro zone on the verge of accomplishing to save a New York lawsuit just as the fund is under new pressure to stabilize the global economy.

Lagarde on Tuesday was nominated to the post by an overwhelmingly vote in favor of the board, ending a drawn-out battle that could shake markets around the world and threaten the future of the euro currency.

While she's not a trained economist, she has made her mark as the first woman finance minister of a major world economy by surrounding herself with strong advisers—and by using her impeccable English and media savvy to get her message out.

If her past is anything to go by, the former champion swimmer will not blench at the challenge ahead. She will tap your shoulder seriously and look manner not her upset from the lofty figure she leans over a desk.

LAGARDE

often found in French politics and the IMF.

In announcing her candidacy last month, she said she'd bring "all my experience as a lawyer, a minister, a manager and a woman" to the job.

Lagarde will be able to "hit the ground running" at the IMF because she's so familiar with one of the fund's biggest challenges, the European crisis, said Jan Randolph, director of sovereign risk at IHS Global Insight.

Lagarde's background is in law—experience that may have come in handy as she negotiated the rescues of Greece, Ireland and Portugal in a series of tense, late-night meetings over the past year and a half.

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WORLDBRIEFS

US nabs 6 illegal immigrants

ATLANTA—Six young illegal immigrants were arrested on Tuesday after they set down and blocked traffic near the Georgia state Capitol to publicly declare their status and to protest state policies targeting illegal immigrants. One talked to a group of such "coming out" events in Georgia and other parts of the country. The young people were protesting a policy that bars Georgia's most competitive state colleges and universities from accepting illegal immigrants and they were opposing strict new state legislation. A federal judge in Monday blocked two key provisions of that law. The young people, who decided to rise arrest and deportation for their actions, say that's not enough.

AP

Mom jailed for killing twin sons

BEIJING—A Chinese court has sentenced a mother to a "second" five years in prison for murdering her paralyzed twin sons who weighed half their size, in a case that aroused public sympathy, state media reported on Wednesday. The official China Daily newspaper said Han Qunfeng gave her sons water laced with sleeping pills before drowning them in a bathtub in November. The 15-year-olds had been born prematurely and had cerebral palsy. Han confessed to the murders at a hearing earlier this month. "I just wanted them to have equality. I thought that I would get back my time," Han told the judges, according to the newspaper. After killing the boys, she dressed them in new pajamas and then attempted to take her own life by drinking a mixture of pesticide and rat poison, the newspaper said.

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The Philippine Press Institute (PPI) is a non-stock, non-profit private organization whose principal members are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of those standards for the professional development of the Filipino journalist.

Founded in 1964 and reactivated in 1987, it was conceived mainly to bring the martial law regime (1972 - 1986) - July 5, 1986 marked the formal revival of the institute under the reconstituted Board of Governors for the first time. On June 8, 1987, it became an incorporation under Philippine laws.

Also known as the national association of newspapers, it represents the interests and concerns of the newspaper sector in media and in all forums. Its membership includes the major national and provincial broadsheet newspapers in the country.

The institute conducts training programs and organizes educational activities for Filipino journalists, works to protect their rights and broadcasts the pursuit of their priorities, avenues and immediate opportunities for the development of the journalist as a practitioner.

The affairs of the institute are governed by a board of trustees that meets quarterly. The major newspapers that are represented in the board are The Philippine Star, Manila Standard Today, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Philippine Journal, Malaya Business Insight, and Business World.

Incumbent trustees were Joaquin "Chino" Roces of The Manila Times, and Eugenio Lopez III of The Manila Chronicle, until Raul Locsin of BusinessWorld.

It keeps a full-time secretariat led by the executive director for its daily operations. Former executive director Antonio "Tony" Lopez, Atty. Alice Villadolid, Raquel Pardon, Atoinette Taus, Jo Guillermo S.J., Bernie and Jose C. Pavia.

Programs and Activities

Akin to local partners, the institute plans and implements regular seminars and workshops on writing, legal and ethics, newspaper management, technical areas of special interest activities, i.e. environment, business and economy, health, science and technology, children's rights, women's issues, cultural conflicts, governance etc. It conducts regular forums among editors and publishers on ethics and industry affairs.

PPI organizes the annual National Press Forum and General Membership Meeting. Its fifteen years, this back-to-back event has gathered publishers and editors who represent the member publications to discuss media issues and industry concerns.

PPI oversees the management of the Annual Community Press Awards program which was launched in 1998. In partnership with The Coca-Cola Export Corporation (TCCEC). The program honors community newspapers which have demonstrated journalistic excellence in various categories such as editing, editorial page, science and environment reporting, business and economic reporting and photojournalism. The Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (AIJC) serves as its project secretariat.

PPI supports media interventions and education activities of child advocate agencies. It has organized press seminars and forums to support the issues on women and children under the auspices of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). It also a member of the communications subcommittee of the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) which succeeded the Bright Child Movement of Susan Roces on Children.

It also trains future and aspiring journalists through the Scholastic Press Outreach Program which conducts press orientation activities and journalism studies in a seminar-workshop where the students participate and operate for newspaper publications.

In the past, it had the opportunity to work as project partners with the Embassy of the United States in its Small Grants Program, The Asia Foundation, Eastern Telecoms Foundation, Inc., the Goethe Institute, International Center for Journalism, and the Bank of Philippine Islands for skills training of its members.

It also has a partnership with The Coca-Cola Export Corporation (TCCEC) in building Better Communities Through Civic Journalism. Started in year 2002, the project has organized 23 seminar-workshops across the country. The three-year sustainability program includes upgrading of journalistic skills.

Linkages and Networking

The Philippine Press Council is composed of journalists and media-related representatives from the legal profession, the business sector and the academe to promote and promulgate the press council's right to reply. It receives and acts on complaints against unfair practices of the press. The Editors' Forum is a collegial body of senior editors of member newspapers that plans and implements activities to improve reportage of news events. It has expanded its membership to include a lawyer, an educator and a member of the civil society.

The Chamber of Community Newspapers of the Philippines (CCNP) represents the business interests of the member newspapers in the advertising industry. It also helps raise marketing opportunities for member-community newspapers.

PPI and the Federation of Free Farmers Cooperatives (FFFCI) of the Association of Broadcasters of the Philippines have signed an agreement to cooperate and jointly address media concerns such as training, ethics, advocacy, technical, trade standards and government legislations.

It collaborates and shares technical resources when it can with other media organizations such as Peter Kimbo Foundation, Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, Institute for Journalism and Communication, Mass Media National Union of Journalists of the Philippines, Center for Journalism of the Ateneo de Manila University, and the Center for Community Journalism and Development.

It is one of the founders of the Council of Asian Press Institutes and is a member of PPI's other sister-press institutes in Asia and the Pacific. PPI has been elected as the first-ranked literate of this regional umbrella organization.

It is also one of the institutional members of the Freedom Fund for Filipino Journalists, along with ANC, MPIF, PCIJ and CCEC) launched in January 2003. FFFJ was organized to address the numerous attacks against journalists and news organizations around the country.

The PPI officers and trustees today: Renato Jaico (Manager) and first honorary member Jose Johnny Ong take note as the Civic Journalism Exhibit featuring the works of eight community newspapers: Punto (Bulacan), The Freeman (Cebu City), Bulatlat (Bulacan), Cebu Daily News (Cebu City), Bagolo Mindoro Courier (Baguio City), Sun Star Davao (Davao City), Sun Star Oriental Negros Bulletin (Davao City), and Sun Star Cebu (Cebu City).

THE PHILIPPINE PRESS INSTITUTE
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2010 CIVIC JOURNALISM COMMUNITY PRESS AWARDS

The Philippine Press Institute (PPI) partnered with Asian Foundation, Inc. in cooperation with the Philippine Association of Communication Educators (PACE) Foundation, Inc. for the annual Community Press Awards for Excellence in 1998, the first and only awards program of its kind in the country. The first awards were given to national newspapers in 1999. The awards program, aimed at raising the standards of journalistic performance among print media, honors newspaper personnel not only for editorial excellence but also for their role as catalysts for community development.

When Kief ended its support in 2006, the awards have been undertaken solely by the PPI. In 2008, The Coca-Cola Export Corporation became the exclusive corporate partner. Since then, Coke Journalism has become the cornerstone of PPI's civic journalism activities. With Coke's support, PPI's efforts to help improve community press through training courses particularly in civic journalism. The sister institute of journalism and Communication (AIJC) manages the awards program.

Starting 2008, Coke Journalism has been what the Awards are all about. This is the first with Coca-Cola as its corporate social responsibility program which, among other things, seek to promote journalism as a medium of community feedback and participation.

OVERALL CRITERIA

With the adoption of Civic Journalism as framework, the following general criteria are adopted:

1. The nationally newspaper should be a catalyst for community action, whether it be a discussion (forum), a decision for change, or an expression of public sentiment.

2. The content of the newspaper covers issues and concerns relevant to the community's life and aspirations.

3. Content of the newspaper goes beyond providing news and information. It should only inspire and excite "get involved, get engaged and take ownership of problems" that transforming readers from spectators to participants.

4. The newspaper should rank and present information and views of all community members. As they see fit or the reasons.

5. The newspaper should be proactive with content that does not only report events but also covering issues and stories.

6. The newspaper should be concerned with follow-up of stories and reports and should be able to present developments relevant to policy action and legislative decisions.

7. The newspaper should reflect an understanding of community ethos, history, culture, and values, among others.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

1. Best Edited Community Newspaper

The excellence in coverage, content, writing and editing. The newspaper must demonstrate a high level of professionalism in the quality of writing and reporting that empowers community members to think, interact or act on issues and concerns affecting their community.

2. Best Editorial Page

The distinguished editorial writing – treatment of style, moral purpose, sound reasoning, and general excellence – enables the newspaper to reduce the role or sometimes further right of its readers. The newspaper must be able to provide a forum for diverse opinions of community members, giving attention to the community, the opportunity to express their beliefs, concerns, issues their concerns for community welfare and mobilize everyone to act to attend and community.

3. Best in Business and Economic Reporting

For excellence in the coverage and reporting of local business and economic events. The newspaper must demonstrate regularity in its coverage and frequency of in-depth reporting of economic activities and events affecting the community and human development of the community – in its stats, comments and, most importantly, winning and potential economic opportunities, to promote economic development. The newspaper must demonstrate understanding of economic principles of the impact of global and national business and economic issues and trends on the community economy.

4. Best in Science and Environmental Reporting

For excellence in the science and technology sector in areas of technology (S&T) and the environment. The newspaper must demonstrate regularity and effectiveness in the reporting of news, issues and concerns on S & T and the environment. The newspaper must provide a variety of current and emerging S & T and environmental issues, creating a venue for the promotion of science literacy and science culture and encouraging to public inclusion in global issues.

5. Best in Photojournalism

For excellence in the news coverage of community life through photos, that capture key activities in the community which may need to be addressed or encouraged to take part in. It is because it is informative in clearly points quoted by the reading public. The newspaper must demonstrate positive ability to depict human interest subjective pictures in addition to the responsibility of the newspaper without resorting to portrayal of sex and violence.

Mr. Guillermo Aporta, president of THE COCA-COLA EXPORT CORPORATION (TCCEC) gives the awarding ceremonies in 2010 for the first time.

Six regional newspapers were given recognition for outstanding community journalism during the 2010 Philippine Press Institute - The Coca-Cola Export Corporation Civic Journalism Community Press Awards on June 23, 2011 at the Bonifacio Hall Manila.

Freshly publications Mabuhay (Bukidnon) and Edge Davao (Davao City) received two awards each. Mabuhay won for Best in Photojournalism and was judged Best Edited Paper while Edge Davao bagged the Best in Science and Environment Reporting and Best in Business and Economic Reporting awards. Bagolo Midland Courier (Baguio City) took home the Best Editorial Page award.

Among the duties, Sun Star Cebu (Cebu City) took the Best in Photojournalism award and was declared Best Edited Paper. Sun Star Davao (Davao City) bagged the Best in Science and Environment Reporting and Best in Business and Economic Reporting awards. The Best Editorial Page award went to Cebu Daily News (Cebu City).

The winners received trophies and cash prizes.

A special award for Best Exhibit was also given to Sun Star Cebu which featured eight other community papers in this year's Civic Journalism exhibit of photos and articles on governance and the rule of law.

Rejoicing the awarding night was Retired Justice of the Supreme Court and brilliant constitutionalist Vicente V. Mendoza who spoke on "Courts and the Press as Partners for Good Government."

"What is pursued by courts and the press is the pursuit of the same, their relationship must be that of two great partners," Mendoza said.

He said the Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press are valued above all else in order to promote good government. "This is a task the press has to perform, to inform the people in order for them to have a good government," Mendoza added as he challenged the media to continue doing their work.

A special Golden ribbon on veteran journalist and former PPI executive director Jose "Joe" Garcia Pavia was awarded to members of his family led by his wife Lolly Pavia. The PPI Board of Trustees also gave the family a commemorative plaque as a token of gratitude for the late newspaperman's significant contribution to journalism.

The PPI will mark its silver anniversary next year.

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The East Bel-Air offers perfect urban living in a suburban and elegant contemporary setting. It is a medium-density development comprising of six buildings all of which are only six floors high, ensuring spacious and expansive living spaces and breathing of superior country-club facilities reminiscent of high-end resort properties that Sta. Lucia has developed through the years.

It is a vertical housing development that suits the lifestyle and wants of the young, modern professional homeowner of today.

Outstanding Value for Your Contemporary Lifestyle

At its price range, East Bel-Air offers superior value-for-money like no other development in the eastern side of Metro Manila.

For one, its location is a winner. It is just a convenient 30-minute commute to and from the Ortigas business district on one side and 20-minute ride to and from the UP-Ayala tech park on the other side. Moreover, the access to universities, office and business districts and commercial centers throughout Metro Manila.

Moreover, it is just a 5-minute drive to the Sta. Lucia Corner and another few minutes away to other well-known malls, churches and worship places, entertainment hotspots and even hospitals and clinics.

On another level, it is a vertical residential condominium in a suburban setting with the most complete amenities, landscaped gardens, swimming pool and play area for the recreation of future residents, as well as a two-storey clubhouse with multi-purpose hall, lounge and function rooms for community activities and functions.

These, indeed, are perfect for today's young urban professional and their growing family.

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East Bel-Air is perfect for the new young urban professional who values quality in its live in a condo that is up to par with the current modern architectural and interior design of developments in the inner city. These inner city condos may offer functionality or proximity, but grossly suffer from the lack of space, greenery and resort-type amenities that provide quality of life for the residents.

East Bel-Air possesses winning features that combine affordance and functionality, on the one hand, and beauty and ample living spaces inside and outside units that provide more comfort, serenity and healthy lifestyle.

Most of the studio and one-bedroom units have their own balcony that faces beautifully landscaped gardens and the open spaces along the main road. The main components of all buildings designed to have broad windows at both sides, thus bringing in the fresh breeze from the Antipolo hills that provides natural ventilation and cooling to all these buildings in the complex.

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Budget gap in 5 months at only P9.5B

Gov't spending down due to project reviews

By Ramon F.W. Domingo

GOVERNMENT spending in May went over the budget by P9.6 billion, just about a third of the P30.26-billion overspending posted in the same month last year.

This brought the budget deficit for the first months to May to P9.04 billion, just 6 percent of the P152.1 billion recorded in the same period of 2010.

Budget Secretary Florencio B. Abad said yesterday the numbers showed that government spending has finally ramped up and would continue to do so during the remaining months of the year.

Abad said the improvement was seen not only in the flow of cash but also in the quality of public goods and services delivered.

"After government agencies have conducted a thorough review of the costs and efficiencies of their programs and projects, they are now ready to spend with much impact," Abad said.

January-May expenses reached P591 billion, or 18.5 percent less than the P663.1 billion incurred in the same period of 2010.

Commenting on the year-on-year decrease in spending from January to May, Abad said the previous period was beyond control considering that it was the height of election-related spending.

The budget chief said that despite faster albeit recent releases, connections to cash disbursements compared with last year's level persisted due to slower implementation of projects.

This resulted to lower de-

BUDGET B2

Property boom seen to continue

By Abigail L. Ho

THE LOCAL real property sector is expected to maintain its growth trajectory in the coming years, driven by huge demand for traditional office and business process outsourcing space as well as retail establishments.

Rick Saverio, chair and chief executive of real estate advisory firm CB Richard Ellis Philippines, said in a briefing yesterday that the growth that the Philippines was seeing could not be considered a bubble as there was a lot of real demand and the sector's fundamentals were very strong.

This up-cycle, he said, could be seen across the Asia Pacific and not just the Philippines. The country, however, had a huge edge in terms of low lease rates as well as the presence of a strong BPO sector.

"In Hong Kong, we're seeing record values in real estate. We're seeing the same thing in China and Singapore. But the Philippines is more cost-effective. There's a huge demand for office space here. Also, because of the [United States] down-cycle, the Philippines is better positioned to get more BPO business," he explained.

"The local office sector has the best fundamentals, driven by BPO growth. We see office space take-up reaching more than 800,000 square meters this year. This is a huge metric for the Philippines. The country has among the lowest rental rates, the highest yields and the biggest demand. We haven't seen this kind of demand since the time of President Ramos, pre-financial crisis," he added.

He said growth in office space take-up, particularly for BPO operations, was expected to extend beyond Metro Manila. From outside the metropolis, there was a lot of demand for space outside the traditional locations, or the Makati and Ortigas central business districts.

CBRE vice chair for global corporate services Joey Sadovoy said that even with rising lease rates, vacancy rates in most loca-

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INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE
June 24, 2011
43.480

STOCK MARKET
June 24, 2011
40.64

Stocks end lower

A LOCAL STOCKS rallied the upbeat mood in global markets yesterday, sparked by a Supreme Court ruling that sought a probe into the foreign equity ownership in some heavyweight PLDT.

The main share Philippine Stock Exchange index shed 40.64 points or 0.84 percent to finish at 4,740.36. Apart from pillars over PLDT, dealers said month-end bookkeeping likewise weighed down the index.

First Pacific-led PLDT turned PTS or 3.12 percent to close at 2,304 after the Supreme Court issued a ruling against the group of businessman Manuel V. Pangilinan on a petition alleging non-compliance with for 40-percent foreign equity ceiling in the utility.

Metro Pacific Investments, the local infrastructure arm of the First Pacific group, also saw its shares decline 1.9 percent.

EDC, Aboitiz Power, ICTSI, DMCI, FLI, Ayala and Lopezin "A" also traded in the red. Meanwhile shades 1 shares and Philweb also fell in heavy volume.

Value turnover amounted to P5.16 billion. Foreign investors took advantage of the day's downturn to pick up selected equities, resulting to P183 million in net foreign buying for the day.

Among the day's gainers were SM Investments, Philex, Alliance Global, San Miguel, Manilawerk and BPI. Bright-Philippine was likewise up in heavy trade.

There were 85 advancers, 74 decliners and 47 unchanged stocks. Overnight, the stocks watched Shar-Asiatic Industrial to the rallied for the second straight day, gaining 149.13 points or 1.21 percent to 12,188.69.

STOCKS B3

Power Situation Outlook
for Thursday, 30 June 2011

	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao
Available Capacity (MW)	8,588	1,786	1,379
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Ayala teams up with Phinma for ₱12-B power project

135-MW facility to go on stream in 2014

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE AYALA conglomerate has teamed up its resource in the power-generation business by teaming up with the Phinma group to build a 135-megawatt power plant in Cebu, Batangas, worth P12 billion.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, Ayala declared that its subsidiary Aseagen Power and AC Energy Holdings Inc. (formerly Michigan Power Inc.) has signed a joint venture agreement with Phinma Energy Development Corp. for the construction and operation of the 'circulating fluidized bed' (CFB) thermal power plant.

Construction of the new power plant is expected to start in September this year and begin commercial operations by mid-2014.

CFB is a combustion technology that uses coal (and) such as coal or limestone to generate electricity at a lower sulfur emission. It is touted as a more environment-friendly source of power.

Ayala and Phinma also will set up a joint venture company called South Luzon Thermal Energy Corp., which will have an initial authorized capital of P200 million and ownership will be split equally by the two groups. The P12-billion project cost will be financed by a mix of debt and equity.

"This project is part of our strategy to build a portfolio of power generation assets that combines conventional and renewable energy sources. This project will help contribute to building the much needed base load capacity to meet the ever-rising demand for power in Luzon. This is simultaneous to our efforts to contribute in the development of alternative energy sources," Ayala president and chief operating officer Jose Fernando Zobel de Ayala said in a statement.

Phinma president and vice-chairman Ramon del Rosario Jr. said: "We look forward to leveraging each other's strengths in developing and running a modern and environment-friendly facility that will contribute to the country's power supply generation through conventional waste using clean technology."

The Ayala group, which has previously ventured into power businesses when joining in bids with regulatory risks, now sees power generation as a core platform for future growth as demand for electricity is expected to rise in the years ahead given the Philippines' economic and population growth trends. It is the Ayala group's core leadership expertise in this business, forging partnerships is part of its strategy.

Ayala plans to build a portfolio of power generation assets with a capacity of 1,000 megawatts over the next five years.

Land of premise

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SOME P2.7 billion in public funds seem to be at the bottom of the murder case of radio commentator Dodoy Ortega in the land of premier...Malacañan.

That is, well, if you believe the groups—powerful political and big business groups—behind the media campaign to pin the Ortega murder on former Palawan Gov. Joel Reyes in the mainstream.

They said the murder of the blockbuster radioman had something to do with his commentaries on the P2.7-billion so-called Mahimpuro funds, claiming that the Commission on Audit simply refused to do a thorough and official audit.

The ensuing media campaign against Reyes, right after the Ortega murder, naturally hammered on the fact that Reyes was the provincial governor upon the release of the P2.7-billion funds by the national government.

Of course the money was part of the national government's income from the Malampaya natural gas project that was underwritten by a consortium led by the Lopez group of companies.

For years under Reyes as governor, the Palawan provincial government fought with the national government for the release of the province's share in the "royalty" from the Malampaya gas project. Now it was actually big money, something like 40 percent of the total national government income, which by this time already amounts to more than P100 billion in all.

The Malampaya gas field started operations in 2005, but the provincial government of Palawan only got its share in the "royalty" six years later in 2007. In between was the long, running feuds between the Department of Finance and the Palawan local government, which finally ended in 2007 when the national and the provincial governments signed an agreement.

It basically said that Palawan's share in the Malampaya funds amounting to about P27 billion, should be divided among the provincial government and the two component districts.

The sharing went this way: P988 million to the provincial government, P628 million to the first congressional district of Palawan and another P988 million to the second district.

Now, in a typical example of the agreement, the city government of Puerto Princesa, headed by Mayor Edward Hagedorn, which is part of the second district, would get P278 million out of the second district's share. At that time the Reyes provincial government had a list of projects that was based on the investment priority program of the national government.

According to Reyes, the P988 million share of the provincial, plus the P628 million share of the second district, went to solar power projects, hospitals and lying-in clinics, health outreaches, school construction, day care centers, scholarship programs, and infrastructure.

Lately the Reyes camp was saying that all those projects were implemented with the supervision of national agencies such as the Department of Energy, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Department of Health.

Now something in the Malampaya fund issue, in connection with the murder of radioman Ortega, seems to bother the camp of the Palawan business community. The city government of Puerto Princesa got only just P278 million from the Malampaya funds in 2007. Nobody can as yet say where the money went, what projects benefited from it, for example.

In the first district, at least Rep. Antonio Alvarez, the younger brother of the defeated Palawan gubernatorial candidate Jose "Bypas" Alvarez, has something to show for the P988 million share of his district. And that is, well, an unfinished airport project in San Vicente town, which cost some P600 million, now still struggling to be completed.

Apparently the murdered radio-man Ortega was highly critical of how the province's share in the Malampaya funds was used. Bear in mind that the funds were divided three ways, or four ways, if you include the P278-million share of the Puerto Princesa city government.

All of a sudden, right after the murder of Ortega, a media campaign exploded against Reyes as the principal figure behind the misuse of the Malampaya funds, as being responsible for the P2.7-billion in question, since Reyes was the governor at the time of the release of the funds. Nobody said anything about the last-way splitdown by the national government for the P2.7-billion share of Palawan.

As I said, the Malampaya fund issue was one of the major "motives" (hmm) in Reyes for planning the murder of Ortega, at least based on the media campaign against him. Secondly, as we all know, the Department of Justice cleared Reyes in the murder case of Ortega, but the media campaign did not stop. The powerful groups behind the media campaign against Reyes were quick to churn out reports, basically accusing the DOJ of "whitewash."

Now Justice Secretary Alcy Isiong, incoming Bar Secretary Leila de Lima or head of the SOG, is that possible at all?

Anyway, it is as if, to those powerful groups behind the media campaign, only Reyes was capable of ordering and executing the murder. Nobody else in the entire government of Palawan could have done it, not in a million lifetimes. How plausible is such a premise, anyway?

Budget ...

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mand for payments from the government for the delivery of goods and services, he explained.

Revenues for the first five months reached P681.2 billion, or 35.3 percent higher than last year's P506 billion.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue contributed P391.1 billion, up 13.7 percent from the total take collections of P344.1 billion. The Bureau of Customs dropped on P106.8 billion, down 0.5 percent year-on-year from P107.3 billion. The Bureau of the Treasury earned in P46.6 billion, which was 124.3 percent more than the P21.6 billion earned a year ago. Other government offices earned P107 billion, up 20.6 percent year-on-year from P106.8 billion.

Stocks ...

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The PSE feared a capital flight arising from the 3C directive requiring the Securities and Exchange Commission to probe the foreign ownership limit of public utility firms. "While as of press time, the PSE has not received a copy of the official Supreme Court ruling, the PSE would take strong cognizance on the reported new interpretation of the Supreme Court modifying the coverage and computation of the 60-40 capital limitation on foreign ownership of public utilities as prescribed under Section 11, Article XII of the Constitution," the PSE said in a press statement. Doris C. Dumlao

Alveo Land launches Pampanga condo project

ALVEO LAND Corp., the developer and investor-investment property arm, has delivered into condominium development in Pampanga with the launch of a P1.7-billion mid-rise residential project near the group's Bay Area shopping mall complex.

The venture into mid-rise residential tower development in Pampanga is a bet on the rise of a new urban landscape dotted by clusters and in line with what the Ayala Land group deems as the "growth corridor of the North"—comprising Angeles City, Subic and Bataan.

Under the first phase of the new condominium project called Mariposa Residences, Alveo is selling 349 units in two towers that are targeted for turnover to buyers by the third quarter of 2013. The first tower will have eight storeys and the second tower will have 11 storeys. The second phase of the project, which will also have two towers, will be launched next year.

Alveo expects to sell all 698 units within the year. Alveo chief operating officer Robert Lao said in a briefing yesterday. Capitalizing on the first phase is expected to hit P600 million, but including the next phase, capital spending could reach P1.7 billion, Lao said.

"Angeles City grew on its location, serves as the gateway to the north—making it the first accessible cosmopolitan district from Metro Manila for urban aspirations into urban conveniences," said Arnie Gonzales, division manager at Alveo Land.

Units at Mariposa Residences are priced at P87,000 a square meter. This means that a 53-sqm one-bedroom unit will be sold for P4 million to P5 million. A 74 sqm two-bedroom unit will fetch P6 million to P7 million while a three-bedroom unit with an area of 130 sqm is priced at P11.5 million and P16 million.

Despite the general preference for studio-detached houses with sprawling backyards in Pampanga, demand for the new residential project looked promising in the first day of launch, Gonzales said. 62 percent of buyers are students or. Doris C. Dumlao

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

COMMODITIES

Inflation accelerating

Gov't cites hike in tuition, prices of supplies

By Michelle V. Ramos

THE PACE of increase in consumer prices in June was expected to have breached the government's threshold of 5 percent, due to increases in the salaries of government workers, tuition and prices of school supplies.

This was according to the projection by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, which said inflation in June had likely settled between 4.6 and 5.5 percent.

This is faster than the 4.5 percent registered in April and the average of 4.3 percent registered for the first five months of the year.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said, however, that although inflation is seen exceeding 5 percent in June and in the third quarter, the full-year average is still expected to fall within the official target of 4 to 5 percent. He added that inflation next year will likely stay within the 4-to-5 percent range.

The updated forecast inflation paths for the balance of 2011 and for 2012 still show that inflation would be manageable... the [BSP] will ensure that the liquidity generated by these flows will not create further inflationary pressures," Tetangco told reporters yesterday.

Should the BSP's inflation forecast for June materialize, the average inflation for the first half would settle between 4.6 percent and 4.7 percent.

Meanwhile, First Metro Investment Corp. said inflation was expected to accelerate in the third quarter, but added that the average for the year would be within "tolerable" levels.

According to FMIC's own forecast, inflation would average this year at 4.6 percent.

Rogelio Cuna, head of FMIC's asset management group, said in a briefing yesterday that concerns that this year over potentially worrisome inflation have somewhat eased.

FMIC cited the conduct of proper monetary policy, and ample supply of rice and other key agricultural products as factors keeping inflation within the targeted ceiling.

Despite this, the central bank this month increased the reserve requirement for banks, a move aimed at preventing the increase in consumer prices from accelerating beyond target levels.

DOE offers 15 oil, gas areas to investors

By Amy R. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT of Energy is set to unveil today 15 areas for possible oil and gas exploration, as it moves to reduce the country's dependence on costly imported oil and encourage natural energy resources.

Through the Forum Philippine Energy Contracting Round (PECR 4), the government will offer investors contracts to explore and develop three onshore and 12 offshore blocks covering over 14 million hectares in Northwest Palawan, East Palawan and Sulu Sea basins.

"This year's contracting round will be the biggest yet offered by the Philippines," the DOE said.

Areas that are expected to generate the most interest are the three blocks in Northwest Palawan, which is home to the Malampaya deep water gas-to-power project, the largest and most successful natural gas industrial project in the country.

Investors are also expected to be keen on five blocks in the Sulu Sea, where petroleum exploration giant Transnational Exploration and Production Philippines B.V. has already drilled four wells.

Three of these four wells have indicated the presence of gas, a report that has further encouraged investors to look more closely at the Philippines for potential petroleum sites.

"The PECR 4 is envisioned to address the country's energy supply through the exploration of local indigenous resources that, once tested, local resources will help the country meet its daily demand and reduce the importation of petroleum and petroleum products," the DOE explained.

Property . . . From page B4

rents have plunged to low single-digit levels.

"We're seeing promised office demand for both BPO and traditional office space. We're back to 2007 levels, where we saw the height of the office space take-up," he said.

In areas such as the Makati and Ortigas CBDs, where monthly rentals rates averaged P808 and P554.56 a square meter, respectively, he said vacancy rates were down to 4.64 percent and 2.96 percent as of the second quarter, with no new developments in sight.

Quezon City and the Fort Bonifacio area in Taguig City have a huge potential to fill the supply-demand gap, he said.

In Quezon City, while the vacancy rate here rose slightly to 6.79 percent at the end of the first half, an additional 185,240 square meters in new space will be completed next year.

In Fort Bonifacio, on the other hand, 198,641 square meters of leasable office space was due for completion within the year, with a number of new developments expected to be finished soon year-end to 2013.

"On a macroeconomic point of view, this is not a bubble. We're seeing the start of the up-cycle. There's real demand. There's also a lot of potential in the retail and gaming sector," Santos said.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

INVITATION TO BID

(Supply & delivery of Assorted Vegetables Seeds under HVCDP Cooking-on-an Post-Boat Project)

The Department of Agriculture, Regional Field Unit No. 5, San Agustin, Fil. Camarines Sur is hereby interested when prospective suppliers, a member of Philippine Seeds Industries Association (PSIA) or seeds, for eligibility and to bid for the supply and delivery of Assorted Vegetables Seeds under HVCDP, (DA) and Sitio PEGASO SAN ANTONIO PEACE BOND (SP) Sitio/Barangay SOSO, DA Sitio/Barangay SOSO, Municipality of Bacacay Albay, Province of Albay, Philippines with ABC/Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) in the amount of Two Million Pesos (P2,000,000.00) inclusive of all taxes and other charges.

Bid documents shall be sold to prospective bidders, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 to the Cashier's Office. Pre-bid Conference shall be held on July 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the morning at Conference Room, Administration Building, this Agency.

Deadline for submission of bids/opening of bid envelopes shall be on July 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the morning at Conference Room, Administration Building, this Agency. Bids submitted after the deadline shall be rejected. Opening of bids shall commence at 9:00 a.m. in the morning, 1st Conference Room, Administration Building, this Agency in the presence of the prospective bidders who chooses to attend. All bidders must submit their bids in duplicate and complete in accordance with the ITB, otherwise, they will be automatically rejected on the ground of non-compliance with the procedures or requirements.

Each bid must be accompanied by bidder's bond, equivalent to one of the following: Cash or Cashier's/Manager's Check, Bank Draft or guaranteed confirmed by Philippine Commercial or Universal Bank); (b) Surety Bond callable upon demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security. The Bid Security must be denominated in Philippine Peso and shall be valid for 120 calendar days.

The DA reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract based on bidders in a prima facie evidence of collusion between two or more bidders, or if the best interest of the government to do so. A bid that fails to meet any one of the bidding requirements, or submitted after the deadline, shall be rejected. Bidders found to have committed misrepresentation or submitted false documents or any form of fraud shall be barred from participating in any bidding activities with the DA.

Further, the DA/RFU 5 reserves the right to disqualify a bidder who is found guilty of misrepresentation in connection with the bidding, or who has a record of poor performance not limited to, inordinately delaying the execution of the contract, incurring excessive cost overruns, failing to perform any one or more of the terms and conditions of the contract, as duly certified and accepted by the end-user.

For more details, call up and the BAC Secretariat, Patricia or Jacinto, Legaspi Office Tel. No. 427-9160, 052/480-2213, San Agustin, Fil. Camarines Sur or log on to our web site www.dar.gov.ph/regional/ or www.dar.gov.ph.

27 June 2011, Fil. Camarines Sur.

(SGD.) JOSE D. DAPAS, DVM, CESO III
Regional Executive Director

DPA – Lagaspi (6-30)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

NAME OF PROJECT	LOCATION	AMOUNT
1. Hog Raising Livelihood	Brgy. Kalipayan, Bagong Silang City	P1,000,000.00
2. Poor Family Livelihood Project	Brgy. Mt. Diwata City	1,000,000.00
3. Poor Family Livelihood Project	Brgy. Kalipayan, Bagong Silang City	1,000,000.00
4. Poor Family Livelihood Project	Brgy. Kalipayan, Bagong Silang City	1,000,000.00
5. Poor Family Livelihood Project	Brgy. Kalipayan, Bagong Silang City	1,000,000.00
6. Poor Family Livelihood Project	Brgy. Kalipayan, Bagong Silang City	1,000,000.00

Prospective bidders must submit their Eligibility Documents and Bid Proposal to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) on or before 10:00 A.M. of July 15, 2011 at the BAC Office, 2nd Floor, City Hall Building, Brgy. Kalipayan, Bagong Silang City. The BAC will open the Eligibility Documents and Bid Proposal on the same day at 10:00 A.M. in the presence of the bidders or their duly authorized representatives who choose to attend.

For additional information regarding the Eligibility Documents and Bidding, please refer to the BAC Secretariat, 2nd Floor, City Hall Building, Brgy. Kalipayan, Bagong Silang City.

(SGD.) ATTY. ANTONIO D. SERRANO
Chairman

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that Triathlon Philippines Inc. Original BIR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRA-TION NOS. EP 2005/034 Dated March 6, 2005; EP 06-034 Dated March 15, 1999 and EP 4006-447 Dated January 21, 1994 were lost.

(Sgd.) Jose Ma Ortiz

OBITUARIES

REMEDIOS CENIZAL SANTOS, M.D.

May 6, 1912 – June 25, 2011

UP College of Medicine, 1934

She is survived by her daughter **Chris Santos**, son-in-law **Chris Dippol**, grandchildren **Christian** and **Callida Cenizal**, siblings **Dr. Lily Cenizal Fajas** and composer **Josefino Cenizal**, her nephews and nieces, and her grandnephews and grandnieces.

Her remains lie at the Cenizal ancestral home, 70 San Agustin St., Tanza, Cavite.

Final Mass at 8:00 a.m., Friday, July 1 at the ancestral home, followed by cremation at 10:00 a.m. at the Manila Memorial Park, Dasmariñas, Cavite.

"There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward." Kahlil Gibran

With heavy hearts we would like to let you know that our father

ANTONIO SEVILLA ARAMBULO

peacefully joined his Creator on June 9, 2011 at the age of 89. He passed away in Arlington, Virginia U.S.A..

His Children: Ony & Grace Arambulo, Mimili Herman, Yeyé & Hector Hermosilla, Ramon & Jenette Arambulo
Grandchildren: Angela & Phil Colon, Anthony Arambulo Chick Pee-Pern, Philley Farmer, Hope Hermosilla Gian Arambulo
Great grandchild: Stella Arambulo Colon

Together with relatives and friends, request the prime readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

At obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:
- Copy of Death Certificate
- Any identification document (ID)

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

MESSAGE OF THANKS

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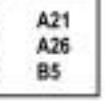

"From then does death's sister to dust
then shall return, For the Power lives of Christ"

SOR IMELDA RAFOLS PALANCA, D.C.

Daughter of Charity, St Vincent de Paul
December 4, 1935 – June 28, 2011

Peacefully joined her Creator
on June 28, 2011 at the age of 81.

She leaving sisters & brothers, Okilda Palanca Miguel (†), Estefanía Palanca Pe, Nicolas R. Palanca, Edmundo R. Palanca (†), Constantino R. Palanca, Oliverio R. Palanca and Sor Nicanora Rafols Palanca D.C., and nieces, nephews and grandchildren request the prime readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie at the St. Louise de Marillac Chapel, Daughters of Charity Provincial House, Km. 18, Aurora Road, QCIS, Paranaque.

Final interment will be on June 30, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at D.C. Provincial House Cemetery.

"She taught and cared for us all, through her life, love and grace."

Maria Clara Valera Ravina, Ph.D.

23 August 1949 – 28 June 2011

Thank you for everything! We love and will miss you very much!

Beloved mother of Rafael Ravina, Jr. "Ravi Ravi", Jose Maria & Maria Theresa
Beloved nanang of Cdt. Bernard P. Ravina, Jr. (dcd)
Beloved grandmother to Rita, Mia, Andrea, Sara Miguel, Tessa Ygoña, Andre Bernard and Mika
Beloved daughter of the late Eusebio and Maria Pablo (Cayco) Aguirre
Beloved sister of Ma. Paz Pacheco Viktor Quisumbing and her spouse Rodolfo "Rudy" Quisumbing
Beloved tita to J. and Carol Ygoña (Carmelcarol)
Professor of English, Lawyer & Ph.D. in Philippine Law of the Ateneo Philippine Normal University
Former & Applied Linguist and English Studies - Graduate Faculty at Ateneo - UNC (Chairperson) Quisumbing

Her remains lie in state in the morning at St. Ignatius Chapel, Camp Aguinaldo, QC, and cremation is at Holy Eucharistic service to follow, Sunday, 10:00.
Many thanks for your prayers for her peaceful rest with the Lord's creation.

The family also thanks the caring and able personnel of UP Philippine General Hospital

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"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I feel no harm. For you are at my side, your rod and staff give me courage..."
Psalm 23:4

PH exports to EU up 40% to 5.4B euros

By Abigail L. Ho

THE VALUE of goods shipped from the Philippines to members of the European Union jumped 40% over by 5.4 billion euros (P337.7 billion) in 2010, moving the country up to the No. 42 slot on the EU's list of top trading partners.

Using figures from the EU-Philippines Trade Factfile 2010, EU Ambassador Guy Ledoux said Philippine exports from EU member states also went by 5.4 percent to 3.7 billion euros (P231.4 billion) last year.

Overall trade in goods between the country and the economic bloc reached 9.1 billion euros (P569 billion) in 2010, a 24-percent improvement from the year before. This represented the highest growth registered in more than 10 years, and brought trade to pre-crisis levels.

Ledoux attributed this significant trade boost to the recovery of both the Philippine and EU economies, following the recession that first took off the world in late 2008 and 2009.

After taking a hard hit, the EU's gross domestic product (GDP) in the period ended on 1.8 percent growth last year. The Philippines, on the other hand, posted a GDP growth of 7.6 percent.

In its trade with the EU, the Philippines registered a trade surplus of 1.6 billion euros (P100.1 billion) in 2010, nearly double the 800 million euros posted in 2009.

Electronics comprised the bulk of goods traded between the Philippines and the EU members, with agricultural products also figuring significantly in the mix.

In 2010, Ledoux said other trade in manufactured goods rose 18 percent while that in agricultural products increased by 46 percent.

Trade in services between the country and the EU was flat at 2.2 billion euros (P137.7 billion) last year, leaving a huge room for growth, considering that the EU was the world's largest offshoring market and the Philippines was the second most preferred offshoring destination in the world.

Apart from trade in goods and services, EU companies had also been pouring significant investments into the country over the years. As of end-2009, EU firms accounted for 6.6 billion euros (P413 billion), or 16 percent, of the country's total FDI stock.

Philippine companies, on the other hand, had infused around 1.6 billion euros (P87.6 billion) in the EU economies as of 2008, almost a third of total investments in foreign lands.

The EU Bureau plans host to about 600,000 land-based migrant Filipinos and around 250,000 seafarers working on European vessels as of 2009. There are even Filipinos now a total of 2 billion euros (P120.2 billion) in remittances to the country in 2010.

EU was not even the fifth biggest group of visitors to the country last year at 297,000, behind South Koreans, Americans, Japanese, and Chinese from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

P100B in new bonds up for swapping

PRESIDENT AQUINO poses with (from left) Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima, San Miguel Corp. chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang and incoming Transportation Secretary Mar Roxas II during the inauguration of the fully renovated Bonga Airport in Catarman, Pinabacdao, Samar. The airport, the gateway to the Eastern Visayas, was renovated by San Miguel Corp. through subsidiary Transasian Development Holdings Inc. It is now equipped with boarding gates and aerobridges, with that will allow night-time flights. The terminal now has: X-ray equipment, baggage carousels, computerized check-in counters, air-conditioning and LED information screens. MIAC is planning to further expand the airport to accommodate larger aircraft and boost tourism in the region.

Offering to be launched on July 5

By Michelle V. Ramos

THE GOVERNMENT is planning to issue next month as much as P100 billion in long-term securities in a bond exchange initiative under its Debt Consolidation Program.

Under the initiative, the government offers to swap new long-term bonds for those falling due in the short-term.

The objective is to extend the average maturity of the government's debts and provide an alternative investment opportunity for those who want to lock in their money for the longer term.

The announcement was made by Fiscal Matrix Management Group (FMIC), one of the banks tapped by the Bureau of the Treasury to manage the debt exchange. FMIC said the swap offering was targeted to be launched on July 5 and was expected to run until July 7.

Jean Chua Diaga, president of FMIC, said in a press conference yesterday that the government was looking at issuing between P40 billion to P50 billion worth of new 10.5-year bonds and another P40 billion of new 20-year bonds in exchange of new 20-year bonds.

"The government is looking at doubling last year's volume," Diaga said.

In last year's bond exchange, the government swapped P30 billion worth of new 10-year bonds and P20 billion of 25-year bonds.

Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima earlier said the government would regularly look at opportunities for bond swap, explaining that the extension of the average maturity of the state's liabilities was one of the key measures in managing debt.

National Treasurer Roberto Tan said the other day that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has given a favorable opinion to the planned bond exchange, although his office was still awaiting the BSP to formalize the statement. The BSP also has to seek the approval of the Office of the President and the Investors and Exchange Commission.

Fiscal and regulatory bodies and the Office of the President were expected to approve the bond swap before the swap launch date.

Diaga said the domestic bond market is expected to have sufficient demand for the new bonds to be offered for exchange.

"In my opinion, the volume from last year's bond exchange may be easily surrended," Diaga said.

He said other banks working with FMIC on the government's Debt Consolidation Program include Land Bank of the Philippines, Development Bank of the Philippines, Bank of the Philippine Islands, Security Bank and Citibank.

Save Act gaining support

THE SAVE Our Industries Act (Save Act), a bill that seeks to expand Philippine United States trade at the textile and garments sectors, has been rolled in the US Senate and will soon be reintroduced in the US House of Representatives.

Democrat Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, one of the legislators who filed the original bill in 2009, last week refiled the bill in the 112th Congress also sponsoring the bill are Republican Rep Blunt of Montana and Democrats Harry Reid of Nevada and Daniel Akaka of Hawaii.

According to the Philippine Trade and Investment Center, the bill also has counterpart companies in the House of Representatives, and a companion bill should also be refiled soon.

"With the leadership of Inouye, Akaka and Blunt, we are hopeful that Congress will enact the Save Act in the next future," Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said in a statement posted on the Save Act website.

The Los Angeles County Filipino Employees Association, a group of about 3,000 active members, expressed their support for the Save Act, citing the benefits it would provide to both the Philippine and US governments. A resolution by the group urged its members to write their legislators, to urge them to pass the Save Act in the Congress.

The Philippine consulate general through Trade Attache Archimedes Gonzalez, in likewise working to get more organizations—including the 28,000-member United Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, Rotary Club of Historic Filipino Town, and Los Angeles County Fil-Am Public Works and Utility Employees—to support the passage of the Save Act.

The Philippine Consulate also aimed to gather additional 1,000 signatures of Filipino Americans before the end of July, after its earlier getting an initial 1,000 signatures.

The Save Act is expected to provide enough incentives for garments exporters in the Philippines to expand their operations by granting them preferential treatment from the US.

The bill supports the country's inclusion in the 800 Projects, which gave various benefits to US trading partners that produced garments out of US-made fabric or yarn.

Garment manufacturers from Mexico and Caribbean and Andean countries already enjoy preferential treatment, with benefits ranging from lower duties to quota-free and duty-free entry into the EU.

Under the 800 component of the bill, US-made fabrics and yarn be cut and wholly assembled in the Philippines would qualify it to re-enter the US duty-free.

Abigail L. Ho

IT upgrade plan for gov't agencies announced

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THE GOVERNMENT is planning to spend at least P1 billion a year until 2016 for the modernization of all state agencies using technology to deliver better services to clients to the public.

The Commission on the Information and Communications Technology (CICT) on Wednesday unveiled its Philippine Digital Strategy (PDS), which outlined government initiatives in the field of technology over the next five years.

The PDS' main thrust, CICT officials said, was to have a more synergistic government and more effective delivery of services to Filipinos and local businesses. The plan also aims to ensure the public's "trust in the government by making data publicly available."

"If you look at the budget of the government, there are several ICT projects but they are spread out. Our role is to bring them together," CICT Secretary Ivan Uy said in a briefing.

Uy said that at the moment, the delivery of government services remained confined to individual agencies due to the manual processing of transactions and paper-based keeping.

The five agencies which have their own computer systems maintain their records separate from other agencies that process the same exact data. There are both offices like the Commission on Elections, the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Land Transportation Office.

Uy said the CICT would start with the stricter enforcement of its mandate of being the approving authority for information technology (IT) acquisition of all government agencies.

Uy said these data "silos" to submit on the duplication would to collect data from private entities that may already be held and could simply be borrowed from other agencies.

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Item 1: one (1) unit Video Teleprompter	P 1,750,000.00
Item 2: one (1) unit Smart Broadcasting Awareness Monitor	P[illegible]

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), intends to apply the sum of **One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (₱1,750,000.00)** and **Nine Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Pesos (₱976,000.00)**, being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for Items 1 and 2, respectively. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening.

The PCSO now invites bids for **Item 1 and Item 2**. Delivery of Goods for Item 1 and Item 2 is within thirty (30) working days from receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Bidders should have completed, **within five (5) years** from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an activity is contained in the Bid Documents, particularly, in Section II, Bidding Data.

Bidding is conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA 5183 and subject to Commonwealth Act 138.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the PCSO and inspect the Bid Documents at the address given below from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

A complete set of Bid Documents may be purchased by interested bidders on **June 30, 2011** up to **9:00am of July 08, 2011** from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the bidding documents in the amount of **₱1,000.00 per item**.

The PCSO will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **July 5, 2011 at 10:00am**, at the PCSO Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Mid Wing, PCSO Main Office Building, PCSO Compound, Barangay Bayanihan, Quezon City, which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the bidding documents.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 9:00 am of **July 08, 2011**. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.

Bid opening shall be on **July 08, 2011 at 10:00am** at the PCSO Conference Room, Ground Floor, PCSO Media Center, Businessday Building. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.

The PCSO reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please refer to:

Ms. Rosario Uria-Doctor
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee
Tel. No. (02) 925-9366
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(Sgd.) **JOSE C. CORPUS**
Vice Chairman

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OF

SUNRISE PACIFIC EXPLORATIONS RESOURCES, INC.
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FOR

EXPLORATION PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the application for a contract/agreement/permit/license dated [illegible] by **SUNRISE PACIFIC EXPLORATIONS RESOURCES, INC.** with office address at [illegible] for the **EXPLORATION PERMIT** for the exploration, development, and utilization of mineral resources within the following described area, to wit:

1. Registration No. : EXPLORATION PERMIT
2. Date of Application : April 21, 2011
3. Area Location : Aurora and Nueva Ecija
4. Geographical Description :

Area No. 1

CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
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4	[illegible]	[illegible]
5	[illegible]	[illegible]

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 19TH REGULAR SESSION OF SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF CITY OF SANTA ROSA, LAGUNA HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011 AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL.

Presents:

1. Hon. ANNEL VIC GOMEZ — City Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
2. Hon. LORETO M. ALEJANDRO — SP Member
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ORDINANCE NO. 1075-2011
(Sponsored by the Committee on Ways and Means)
REVENUE CODE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA

An Ordinance for the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Santa Rosa, Inst.

CHAPTER 1 — GENERAL PROVISIONS
Article A. Short Title and Scope

Section 10-01 **Short Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the Revenue Code of the City of Santa Rosa.

Section 10-02 **Scope and Application.** This Code shall govern the levy, assessment and collection of taxes, fees, charges and the implementation with the territorial jurisdiction of the City.

Article B. Construction of Provisions

Section 10-03 **Words and Phrases Not Herein Especially Defined.** Words and phrases not especially defined in this Code shall be construed according to the context and the approved usage of the language as the same are understood in ordinary and common parlance and shall be given that meaning as intended by the provision of this Code.

Section 10-04 **Interpretation.** In the interpretation of the provisions of this Code, the following rules shall be observed unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the provisions:

(a) General Rules. All words and phrases shall be construed and understood according to the common and approved usage of the language; but technical words and phrases and such as have a peculiar meaning in the Code shall be understood according to such technical or peculiar meaning, shall be construed and understood according to such technical, peculiar or appropriate meaning.

(b) Mandatory and Directory. Every word in this Code importing the mandatory gender and number shall be construed imperatively. Words importing the singular number may also be extended to and apply to several persons or things, as well as to one person or thing; words importing the plural number may also be extended to and apply to one person or thing as well.

(c) Gender and Number. Every word importing the masculine gender only may be extended and applied to females and to firms, partnerships and corporations as well as to males; and when any subject matter, party or person is described or referred to by words importing the singular number or the plural, a part or portion thereof, or an association of persons, such words may be extended and applied to each part or portion thereof, and to such associations of persons, and to the successors and assigns of such subject matter, party or person, and to the officers of such associations of persons, whether male or female, as well as to individuals and to single persons.

(d) Tenses. Words importing the present tense may be extended to the future as well as to the present.

(e) Conflicting Provisions of Taxation. In the construction of different clauses of this Code which are contained in the same section, the clause which is last in order shall be held to express the intention of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, unless the provisions of the clause which is last in order are inconsistent with each other, then the provisions of the clause which is last in order shall be held to express the intention of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Article C. Definition of Terms

Section 10-05 **Definitions.** When used in this Code:

(a) Agency means any kind of commercial entity regularly engaged in any branch of livelihood or with a view to profit.

(b) Alleged risk is also tax liability, or some of the assets and/or income of property.

(c) Association includes any organized association whether or not commercial in character and any voluntarily joined together for whatever purpose, whether or not incorporated, and whether or not carrying capital contributions to the capital investment and proceeding for the division of the gain and benefits of the undertaking in accordance with agreement between the members thereof.

(d) Commercial means any profession, or matter that results in supplying consumer companies and establishments with goods or services, and includes the sale of goods and the rendering of services in connection with the operation of a business.

(e) Contractor means any person who undertakes to construct, fabricate, install, repair, service, or improve real property or tangible personal property of another for a consideration. Contractor shall mean and include general contractors, subcontractors, specialty contractors, builders, and persons who undertake to perform any of the activities listed for the purpose of determining such persons' entitlement to a contractor's license.

(f) Corporation includes partnerships, no matter how created or organized, joint-stock companies, and associations, but does not include ordinary tenancies or joint accounts.

(g) Delinquency means the failure to pay the tax due on or before the last day of the period prescribed for the payment of the tax.

(h) Delinquent taxpayer means any taxpayer who fails to pay the tax due on or before the last day of the period prescribed for the payment of the tax.

(i) Dividend means any distribution made by a corporation, partnership, or joint-stock company to its shareholders or members out of its earnings or profits, and payable to its shareholders or members, whether in cash or in property, other than shares of stock issued to them.

(j) Domestic means when used to refer to any corporation, partnership, or joint-stock company, or association created or organized under the laws of the Philippines or any of its political subdivisions.

(k) Engaging in business means the commencement of the conduct of business as a regular course of commercial activity. It means the performance of the acts or the exercise of some of the functions normally incident to, or flowing from, the operation of the particular business, profession or calling for the purpose of gain or profit, although no single act or transaction may be sufficient by itself to establish the fact of engaging in business.

(l) Fiscal year means an annual period for the computation of any tax, fee, charge or other amount, which may be a calendar or a fiscal year based on the accounting period of the taxpayer.

(m) Foreign means when used to refer to any corporation, partnership, or joint-stock company, or association created or organized under any laws other than those of the Philippines or any of its political subdivisions.

(n) Gross sales or receipts means the total amount of money or its equivalent representing the contract price, compensation or service fee, including the amount charged for materials supplied with the services and deposits or advance payments actually or constructively received during the taxable quarter for the sale or exchange of services to the client or customer, and the value of property, goods or merchandise sold, bartered or exchanged, or other similar transactions, domestic or wholesale, whether conducted for profit or not, but shall exclude any amount refunded or returned upon the cancellation or avoidance of contract or sale.

(o) Imposition of assessment or collection and assessment are not objects of a fee.

(p) Income of a taxpayer means the gain derived and severed from capital, labor or business, gain from dealings in property, interest, rents, dividends, or royalties, prizes and winnings, and pensions, but excludes amounts received by bona fide nonresident aliens not engaged in business and by foreign corporations not engaged in business in the Philippines, amounts received by way of inheritance, devise, bequest, gifts, and amounts received by way of life insurance.

(q) Individual means a natural person.

(r) Interest means the amount of money which is imposed for the forbearance on the collection of a tax, fee, charge or other amount, or on any unpaid amount.

(s) Investment means the placing of capital or funds in order to derive profit or income therefrom.

(t) Manufacturer means every person who by physical or chemical process alters the form, quality or character of any article or substance so as to produce a new or different article or substance.

(u) Merchant means any person who sells goods, wares or merchandise.

(v) Net income means the gross income less the deductions and exemptions allowed by this Code.

(w) Non-resident means when used to refer to any corporation, partnership, or joint-stock company, or association created or organized in a foreign country or under any laws other than those of the Philippines or any of its political subdivisions.

(x) Non-resident alien means an individual whose residence is not within the Philippines and who is not a citizen thereof.

(y) Person means any natural or juridical person, including the government and its political subdivisions, instrumentalities, agencies, or branches duly authorized to transact business with the government, partnership, association, or corporation.

(z) Property means anything, real or personal, tangible or intangible, capable of ownership.

(aa) Real property means land, buildings, machinery and other improvements affixed or attached to the land which are not ordinarily removed or severed without injury to the land or improvements affixed or attached thereto.

(bb) Residence means the place where a person normally resides and which is more than temporary or transient in character.

(cc) Resident alien means an individual whose residence within the Philippines is not merely temporary or transient in character.

(dd) Retailer means any person who sells goods, wares or merchandise to consumers for consumption and not for resale.

(ee) Sale means and includes every disposition of property for a consideration, whether the disposition is effected by the owner of the property or by persons who have the right to sell or dispose of the property of another, and whether the disposition is made directly or indirectly, or through the medium of agents, brokers, commission merchants, auctioneers, or any other persons who operate or is responsible for the operation of business establishment or marketplace.

(ff) Taxable year means the calendar year or the fiscal year, as the case may be, upon the basis of which the net income is computed under this Code.

(gg) Taxpayer means any person subject or liable for any tax, fee, charge or other amount imposed by this Code.

(hh) Tax means an enforced contribution, usually expressed in money, levied by the law-making body on persons, property or business for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of the government or of the municipality, and includes interest, surcharge or penalty.

(ii) Wholesaler means any person who sells goods, wares or merchandise to retailers, to industrial users or to other wholesalers.

(jj) Wholesaler-retailer means any person who sells goods, wares or merchandise to both retailers and consumers.

CHAPTER 2 — CITY TAXES

Article A. Real Property Tax

Section 10-06 **Imposition of Ad Valorem Real Property Tax.** There is hereby levied an annual ad valorem tax on the assessed value of real property, such as lands, buildings, machinery and other improvements affixed or attached to real property located in the city, as follows:

(1) Residential – one percent (1%);
(2) Agricultural – one percent (1%);
(3) Commercial – one and one-half percent (1½);
(4) Industrial – one and one-half percent (1½);
(5) Mineral lands – one and one-half percent (1½);
(6) Special – one and one-half percent (1½).

The above shall be the basic real property tax rates under the assessment of the basic ordinance.
Provided, that, the following shall be the additional real property tax rates imposed on all lands:

1) Fully developed (100%) lots – one percent (1%) of the basic;
2) Built and habitable (50%) – fifty percent (50%) of the corresponding rate.

Section 10-07 **Additional Levy on Real Property for the Special Education Fund (SEF).** A special education fund tax of one percent (1%) shall be imposed on the assessed value of real property as the basic rate prescribed. The proceeds thereof shall accrue exclusively to the Special Education Fund (SEF).

Section 10-08 **Exemptions.** The following are exempted from payment of the basic real property tax and the SEF tax:

(1) Real property owned by the Republic of the Philippines or any of its political subdivisions except when the beneficial use thereof has been granted, for consideration or otherwise, to a taxable person;
(2) Charitable institutions, churches, and parsonages or convents appurtenant thereto, mosques, non-profit or religious cemeteries and all lands, buildings, and improvements actually, directly, and exclusively used for religious, charitable or educational purposes;
(3) All machineries and equipment that are actually, directly and exclusively used by local water districts and government-owned or controlled corporations engaged in the supply and distribution of water and/or generation and transmission of electric power;
(4) All real property owned by duly registered cooperatives as provided for under R.A. 6938; and
(5) Machinery and equipment used for pollution control and environmental protection. Except as provided herein, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, pollution control devices shall include all machinery, equipment, appliances, accessories, and auxiliaries, as certified by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), which are reasonably necessary to prevent, control, reduce or eliminate water, air or noise pollution.

Section 10-09 **Time of Payment.** The real property tax herein levied, together with the corresponding tax on the additional levy for the Special Education Fund (SEF) shall be paid during the first quarter of January of every year. However, taxes may be paid in four (4) equal installments without interest, if paid on or before the first day of January, the last day of the second month of the first quarter, and the last day of the second month of the third quarter of the year, respectively. In the event installments are not paid on the dates prescribed, the entire tax due and payable shall be subject to the interest and surcharge prescribed in this Code.

Section 10-10 **Collection and Distribution of Proceeds.** The collection of the real property tax and the special education fund tax and the distribution of the proceeds shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 271 to 277 of the Local Government Code of 1991. The City Treasurer may deputize the Barangay Treasurer to collect all taxes in one (1) locality duly bonded for the purpose. The Barangay Treasurer is properly bonded in the premises. The proceeds shall be deposited in the depository bank designated by the City Treasurer and shall be withdrawn only in accordance with law or ordinance.

The proceeds of the basic real property tax, including interest thereon, and collected from the real estate

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transactions, when a sale/transfer of property is effected as a result of an extra-judicial settlement among heirs, shall accrue exclusively to the City of Santa Rosa, Laguna.

Section 10-11 **Rates of Assessment Levy.** The following rates of assessment levy shall be imposed on the assessed value of real property, such as lands, buildings, machinery and other improvements affixed or attached to real property located in the city, as follows:

(a) Residential

Class	Assessment Levels
Residential	0%
Agricultural	0%
Commercial	30%
Industrial	30%
Mineral	30%
Timberland	0%

(b) Socialized Housing or Other Structures

1 Residential

Class	Min Value	Assessment Levels
A	P 175,000.00	0%
175,000.00	300,000.00	0%
300,000.00	500,000.00	0%
500,000.00	750,000.00	0%
750,000.00	1,000,000.00	0%
1,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0%
2,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	0%
5,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	0%
10,000,000.00	above	0%

2 Agricultural

Class	Sub-Class	Assessment Levels
A	P 175,000.00	0%
175,000.00	300,000.00	0%
300,000.00	500,000.00	0%
500,000.00	750,000.00	0%
750,000.00	1,000,000.00	0%
1,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	0%
2,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	0%
5,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	0%
10,000,000.00	above	0%

3 Commercial / Industrial

Class	Min Value	Assessment Levels
A	P 175,000.00	30%
175,000.00	300,000.00	30%
300,000.00	500,000.00	30%
500,000.00	750,000.00	30%
750,000.00	1,000,000.00	30%
1,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	30%
2,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	30%
5,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	30%
10,000,000.00	above	30%

4 Timberland

Class	Min Value	Assessment Levels
A	P 175,000.00	0%
175,000.00	300,000.00	0%
300,000.00	500,000.00	0%
500,000.00	750,000.00	0%
750,000.00	1,000,000.00	0%
1,000,000.00	above	0%

(c) Mineral Lands

Class	Assessment Levels
Precious Metals	30%
Agricultural	30%
Commercial	30%
Industrial	30%

(d) Special Classes. The assessment levels for all lands, buildings, machineries, and other improvements not actually

Class	Assessment Levels
Cultural	0%
Scientific	0%
Hospitals	0%
Local Water Districts	10%
Government-Owned Corporations	10%
Cooperatives	0%
Educational Institutions	0%
Religious Institutions	0%
Non-Profit Private Cemeteries	0%
All Others Not	0%

Section 10-12 **Assessment Procedures.**

(a) **On the Collection of the Real Property Tax**

1. Payment to Treasurer with Assessment Roll. The City Assessor shall prepare and submit to the City Treasurer on or before the fourth (4th) day of December each year, an assessment roll containing a list of all persons whose real properties have been newly assessed or reassessed and the value of such properties.

2. Notice of Basis for Collection of Tax. The City Treasurer shall, on or before the fifteen (15) day of January each year, in the name of each person listed in the assessment roll, or his administrator, executor, guardian or duly authorized representative, post in his office and in a conspicuous place in the city hall and in each barangay in the city, a notice stating that the assessment roll has been received by the City Treasurer and that the same is open for inspection by persons having interest therein for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the first posting of the notice. Such notice shall likewise be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks.

3. Payment Under Protest.

a. Any person desiring to pay the tax under protest may avail of the remedy provided for by law. Payment shall be made to the City Treasurer who shall issue therefor an official receipt for the amount paid. The taxpayer shall submit to the City Treasurer, within thirty (30) days from payment of the tax, a written protest duly signed by the taxpayer or his authorized representative stating the nature and the amount of the tax paid, the date of payment, the assessment roll, and the provision of law or ordinance which he claims to be applicable.

b. The protest shall be decided by the City Treasurer within sixty (60) days from the date of submission of the protest. If the City Treasurer fails to render a decision within the said period, the taxpayer may appeal to the Regional Trial Court of Santa Rosa, Laguna, within sixty (60) days from the lapse of the sixty (60) day period.

c. In the event that the protest is denied or partially denied by the City Treasurer, the taxpayer may appeal to the Regional Trial Court of Santa Rosa, Laguna, within sixty (60) days from receipt of the decision denying the protest.

4. Repayment of Erroneous Collection. When an assessment is made and payment has or is not yet made to the Assessor's Office, or to the Treasurer's Office, and it is found that the assessment is erroneous as to the property assessed or the amount of the assessment, the Assessor shall, upon approval by the City Treasurer, cancel the assessment and issue a new assessment. The amount collected in excess of the correct assessment shall be refunded to such taxpayer or adjusted.

5. Payment Under Protest. Any person desiring to pay the tax under protest may avail of the remedy provided for by law. Payment shall be made to the City Treasurer who shall issue therefor an official receipt for the amount paid. The taxpayer shall submit to the City Treasurer, within thirty (30) days from payment of the tax, a written protest duly signed by the taxpayer or his authorized representative stating the nature and the amount of the tax paid, the date of payment, the assessment roll, and the provision of law or ordinance which he claims to be applicable.

a. The protest shall be decided by the City Treasurer within sixty (60) days from the date of submission of the protest. If the City Treasurer fails to render a decision within the said period, the taxpayer may appeal to the Regional Trial Court of Santa Rosa, Laguna, within sixty (60) days from the lapse of the sixty (60) day period.

b. In the event that the protest is denied or partially denied by the City Treasurer, the taxpayer may appeal to the Regional Trial Court of Santa Rosa, Laguna, within sixty (60) days from receipt of the decision denying the protest.

6. Notice of Delinquency in the Payment of the Real Property Tax.

a. When the tax or any installment thereof becomes delinquent, the City Treasurer shall cause to be issued under his official seal a notice of delinquency in the name of the taxpayer and in the case of unknown owner or administrator, in the name of the property to be sold, stating the amount of the tax due, the name of the taxpayer against whom the tax is due, and the date of the sale of the property.

b. Such notice shall specify the date upon which the tax became delinquent and shall state that a penalty and interest shall be imposed and collected as provided in this Code. Such notice shall also state that unless the delinquent tax, including the penalty and interest, is paid before the date fixed in the notice, the property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in accordance with Sec. 54(d) of the Code, and unless the tax, including the penalty and interest, and costs of sale are paid before the conclusion of the auction, only so much of the property as is sufficient to satisfy the delinquency will be sold. Such notice shall also state that the notice is published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality, or if there is no newspaper published in the locality, by posting such notice for two (2) consecutive weeks in the city hall and in a public place in the locality.

7. Publication of Property Sold. Within one (1) year from the date of sale, the owner of the delinquent real property or person having legal interest therein, or his representative, shall have the right to redeem the property by paying to the City Treasurer the amount of the delinquent tax, including the penalty and interest, from the date of sale to the date of redemption. If the property is not redeemed, the City Treasurer shall execute a final deed to the property sold in favor of the purchaser, a description of the property sold, the amount of the delinquent tax, the interest and penalties, the expenses of the sale, a brief description of the proceedings, if involved, together with a statement that the property has been sold subject to the right of redemption. The deed shall be executed in duplicate and shall be sufficient to convey the property sold without any further proof of the regularity of the proceedings. The original deed shall be delivered to the purchaser and the duplicate shall be filed in the office of the City Treasurer.

8. Certificate of Sale. Within one (1) year after the sale, the City Treasurer or his deputy shall make a report of the sale to the Sangguniang Panlungsod and submit a list of the names of the persons who purchased the property at the auction sale, the amount paid by each purchaser, and the date of purchase. The City Treasurer shall issue a certificate of sale which shall contain the name of the purchaser, a description of the property sold, the amount of the delinquent tax, the interest and penalties, the expenses of the sale, a brief description of the proceedings, if involved, together with a statement that the property has been sold subject to the right of redemption. The certificate of sale shall be executed in duplicate and shall be sufficient to convey the property sold without any further proof of the regularity of the proceedings. The original certificate of sale shall be delivered to the purchaser and the duplicate shall be filed in the office of the City Treasurer.

9. Redemption of Property Sold. Within one (1) year after the sale, the City Treasurer or his deputy shall issue a certificate of redemption, which shall be executed in duplicate and delivered to the person redeeming the property or to his agent. A memorandum of the certificate of redemption shall be entered in the records of the City Treasurer. The original certificate of redemption shall be delivered to the person redeeming the property or to his agent and the duplicate shall be filed in the office of the City Treasurer.

10. Final Deed to Purchaser. If, upon the expiry of the one (1) year period allowed for the redemption of the property sold at public auction, the owner of the property or person having legal interest therein fails to redeem the property, the City Treasurer shall execute a final deed to the property sold in favor of the purchaser, a description of the property sold, the amount of the delinquent tax, the interest and penalties, the expenses of the sale, a brief description of the proceedings, if involved, together with a statement that the property has been sold subject to the right of redemption. The final deed shall be executed in duplicate and shall be sufficient to convey the property sold without any further proof of the regularity of the proceedings. The original final deed shall be delivered to the purchaser and the duplicate shall be filed in the office of the City Treasurer.

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12. Final Deed to Purchaser. In case the owner or person having legal interest therein fails to redeem the delinquent property as provided herein, the City Treasurer shall execute a final conveyance to the purchaser. The final deed shall be executed in duplicate and delivered to the purchaser. The duplicate shall be filed in the office of the City Treasurer.

13. Provision of Property to the City Government for Offices or Works. In case there is an urgent need for property which cannot be acquired through negotiated purchase, the City Government may avail of the power of expropriation. The City Government may, by resolution of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, acquire by negotiated purchase or by expropriation proceedings any property within the city for the purpose of establishing, extending, enlarging or improving any of the public works projects of the city. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall make a finding that the acquisition of the property is necessary for the purpose for which it is to be acquired. The City Government may enter upon the property sought to be acquired upon making a deposit with the proper court of at least fifteen percent (15%) of the fair market value based on the current tax declaration of the property. Upon compliance with the requirements of the Rules of Court governing condemnation proceedings, the court shall issue an order to the effect that the City Government may take immediate possession of the property upon payment to the owner thereof of the provisional value fixed by the court.

14. Sale of Property to Highest Bidder. When property is offered for sale to the highest bidder, the City Treasurer or his deputy shall publish a notice of the sale at least once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality, or if there is no newspaper published in the locality, by posting such notice for two (2) consecutive weeks in the city hall and in a public place in the locality. The notice shall contain a description of the property to be sold at public auction, the date, time and place of the sale, and the terms and conditions of the sale. The sale shall be conducted by the City Treasurer or his deputy, and the property shall be sold to the highest bidder. The City Treasurer or his deputy shall execute a final deed to the property sold in favor of the purchaser, a description of the property sold, the amount of the delinquent tax, the interest and penalties, the expenses of the sale, a brief description of the proceedings, if involved, together with a statement that the property has been sold subject to the right of redemption. The final deed shall be executed in duplicate and shall be sufficient to convey the property sold without any further proof of the regularity of the proceedings. The original final deed shall be delivered to the purchaser and the duplicate shall be filed in the office of the City Treasurer.

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16. Collection of Real Property Tax Through Any Bank. The City Government may enter into contracts with any duly authorized government depositary bank, government financial institution, and government non-bank financial intermediary with quasi-banking functions to receive payments for real property taxes due to the city government and remit the collections thereof to the City Treasurer or his duly authorized representative. Such contracts shall be subject to the provisions of Section 196 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

17. Condonation or Reduction of Tax by the President. The President, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Finance, may condone or reduce the real property tax and/or any penalty imposed thereon for any year or years.

18. Condonation or Reduction of Tax by the City Council. The City Council may, by ordinance duly approved during the last quarter of any calendar year, condone or reduce the real property tax and any penalty imposed thereon for the succeeding calendar year.

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Enforced Provisions

1. Condonation or Reduction of Real Property Tax and Interest. In case of a general failure of crops or other calamities, the city may, by ordinance duly approved, provide for the condonation or reduction, in whole or in part, of the real property tax and interest for the year in which the failure of crops or other calamity occurred or prevented the planting of crops.

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300,000.01 or more		3,010.00 plus 1.0% of excess over $300,000.00

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(b) Certain out-of-state licensed distributors. In the case of sales by a person 65% or more of the gross receipts of the distributing business are derived from ordinary commissions and discounts from or sales of property, the sale of which constitutes stock in trade of the person, purchased from a manufacturer or supplier, and which property is shipped from a stock of goods within this state directly to the purchaser, the tax shall be computed at the rate of 1% of the sales. Persons who qualify under this subsection shall be entitled to the benefits of the compensation allowed by

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(Applicant)

I, _____ (an Attorney) state that I am the person who signed the foregoing application, that I have read the same, and that the contents thereof are true as to the best of my knowledge.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me in the City of Manila, Metro, Province of Laguna, Philippines, this _____ day of _____, 20__, Applicant, affiant exhibiting to me his/her Community Tax No. _____ issued at _____ on _____ at _____, Philippines.

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(f) Applicant who can Please, Attorney shall have submitted in the name of public market stall. It is the last day and for filing applications, there is no application from a Filipino citizen, the granting of the lease of Attorney shall be given to the applicant who has complied with the requirements. In the event of the second there is still no Filipino applicant, the said application may be allowed to any non-Filipino who has the application first. If there are several non-Filipino applicants who has complied with the requirements, the lease shall be given to the one who has the highest bid. The award of the lease shall be through opening of bids to be conducted by the Market Committee. In case there is only one Filipino applicant, the said applicant shall be entitled to the lease. If there are several Filipino applicants, the highest bidder shall be entitled to the lease. The award of the lease shall be made by the Committee on the basis of the recommendation of the date and time specified in the notice. The result of the opening of bids shall be reported immediately by the Committee to the City Treasurer for appropriate action.

(g) The successful applicant shall furnish the Treasurer such proof of the payment of _____ (_____) consecutive days after the award of the lease. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to effect the City share of the proceeds of the application and to issue the official receipt therefor and deliver to the payment.

(h) Absence of said before expiration of the lease - except for rent reasons, or said holder or lessee discontinues for no adequate circumstances for successor holder. For notice of the said notice, said said as conditional award and no acceptance thereafter shall be disposed of in the manner prescribed in this Section.

(i) Partnership with said holder - A market said holder who enters into business partnership with any party after the said has acquired the right to lease such a said lease or authority to transfer to the partner to continue the right by closing the said thereafter, that in case of death or any legal disability of such said holder, the partnership shall be dissolved, and the partner may continue to operate the said lease for the remainder of the period of the lease, subject to the provisions of this ordinance governing the said lease.

(j) Lessee of non-assembly for 30 days within which to vacate the premises at the partnership. Other partnership partner's subsequent qualified to occupy a market said under the provisions hereof, and the spouse, parents, son, daughter, or relative within the third degree by consanguinity or affinity of the deceased or not applying for the said, no shall be given the preference to continue occupying the said market said lease and stall, subject to the provisions hereof.

(k) Lessee to surrender possession to said - Any person who has operated the market lease a market said in accordance with the provisions thereof, shall immediately surrender and peacefully possession to the said or said, such or lessee. However, that he may supply farmers and fishers citizen of the Philippines, including but not limited to the spouse, parents and children of the said holder who are not disqualified under the provisions hereof, and Presidio, further, that the persons to accompanied as lessees shall, under no circumstances, be persons with whom the said has any commercial relation or transaction.

(l) Forfeiture, surrender of stall - In any case where the person, registered to be the holder or lessee of a said or said, stall or section in the public market is required to or no legally qualified person who is actually occupying said said or said, booth or booths, the lessee for such said or said shall be surrendered if upon investigation, such holder is found to have subleased the said or said, booth or booths to another person, or to have promised with another person so that the latter may in any reason be able to occupy the said said, said, said or booths.

(m) Prohibitions.

1. No person shall obtain the public market or any part thereof in connection purpose.
2. The operation or sale of merchandise which many deteriorates, such as meat and fish, outside the public market and in the streets is also prohibited.
3. Any person shall sell the goods, wares, or other article or lease in such a manner as to:
(a) Use of a daily newspaper or accumulation for wrapping purposes; and,
(b) Spread or deposit paper, goods, wares or articles for sale outside of the public market.
(c) Dress with sand and soil that impairing the street drain.
(d) Use the pavement or any public facilities for a different from its legitimate purpose.
(e) Refuse to - Any applicant who is not satisfied with the adjudication made by the City Treasurer or the Market Committee of the said applicant may make the for appeal with the City Mayor whose decision in such cases shall be final.
(f) Responsibility for market administration - The Market Administrator shall exercise direct and immediate supervision, administration and control over the Vicar Public Market and the personnel thereof, including those under contract for maintenance and upkeep of the market premises, in accordance with existing ordinances, rules and regulations.
(g) Creation of market committee - There is hereby created a permanent market committee composed of the City Mayor as Chairman, a representative of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the City Treasurer, the City Assessor and a representative of market vendors, as members, whose duties shall be to conduct the hearing of bids and opening of bids in connection with application of vacant said and to submit to the City Treasurer the results thereof.

Article III. Fees and Commercial Use

Section III-01. Definition of Terms.
(a) Trade Fruits City Commercial Center - the market central public commercial building located at the center of and owned by the City Government of Some Vicar known as the vicarate or the Trade Market.
(b) "Said" - refers to the allotted space in the commercial building where merchandise is sold or offered for sale.
(c) "Vicarate" - such as said to use any said in commercial space for commercial operations or the collection of taxes.

Section III-02. Positioning. The City Commercial Complex shall be divided as follows:
(a) First Floor Trade - refers to the said constructed at lower floor of the commercial building ready for occupancy.
(b) Second Floor Trade - refers to the said constructed at the upper floor of the commercial building ready for occupancy.
(c) The areas - for open accessories for lease located at the Ground Floor of the commercial building.
(d) Pre-Trade - refers to the said constructed at lower ground and with two (2) access.

Section III-03. Imposition of Fees/Rental Charges. The following shall be collected as Rental rentals and other charges:
(a) For said located in the First Floor:
(1) Regular Said - P1,000/sq.m./day
(2) Pre-Said - P.50/sq.m./day
(3) Above (1) and (2) are subject to P1.00/sq.m. day increase every three (3) years.

(b) For Said Floor: there shall be collected hereafter the amount at which is equivalent and payable in the following categories:
(1) For Qualified Said Tenants - P10,000.00/sq.m., 50% payable upon signing of the Contract and the remaining 50% payable in eighteen equal monthly installments beginning on the 6th day of the following month and ending after days of the succeeding twenty-seventh (27th) day.
(2) For Qualified Tenants of the Old Market Building - P5,000.00/sq.m., 50% payable upon signing of the contract and the remaining 50% payable in eighteen equal monthly installments beginning on the 6th day of the following month and ending after days of the succeeding twenty-seventh (27th) day.
(c) Said payments of the goodwill will be given 15% discount.
(d) For said located in the second floor:
(1) Regular Said - P10.00/sq.m./day
(2) Pre-Said - P.50/sq.m./day
(3) Stay-in-Said - P.50/sq.m./day

Said Rental is subject to increase in the amount of P1.00/sq.m./day every three (3) years.
(e) In addition to the foregoing, those said or stalls/said/said/said

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Nothing will make the "prestige" that living in the city, particularly at the heart of Makati's central business district, can offer. Meridio fashion cognoscenti and new-equivalent-have-forged for such a lifestyle as it gives from the fashionable feel of living in some of the world's most desirable addresses such as 5 of 5 Security Plaza in New York's Central Park.

But with the rewards of cosmopolitan living also comes hassles, which makes today's busy executives want to come home to a place that is calming, exciting, and one that embraces one's unique habits and sensibilities.

With a view to addressing such a need, Federal Land-ORIX Corporation, one of the country's top property development partnerships, had conceptualized The Grand Midori Makati, a Zen-inspired residential complex that's housed in nine 5,000 square meters of property in the upscale side of Makati's Legaspi Street.

The new development balances smart technical will make one immediately want to be home - whether one is jogging along the 100-meter jogging path, swimming in the 30-meter lap pool, entertaining guests in the multi-purpose room, or working out in the gym. With two towers of 30 levels each, The Grand Midori Makati also has everything any family would ever need - such as a children's reading pool, children's playroom, and video conference.

The project's common areas were conceptualized by noted architectural firm Benjo Associates. The company behind world-renowned developments like the Korean Hotel in Italy, One Raffles in Singapore and Manila Galleon Crown Tower in Japan. Tower 1, which is set to be completed in '12, will have 360 residential units while Tower 2, with 408 units, is scheduled to be completed in '15.

Living in a Zen-like setting

The Grand Midori Makati has fused meticulous planning with harmonious balancing of simple yet elegant design elements. It also employed keen understanding of its clientele's tastes to deliver an environment that's perfect for those who understand the essence of understated luxury.

The building's main lobby, for instance, has tasteful high ceilings that give one a sense of spaciousness, space, and heightened consciousness. A Zen garden is viewable from outside the residency of the condos, a clever indulgence on premium condominium nowadays. The sophisticated ambience is complemented with the bedroom unit, where residents get a magnificent view of the Makati skyline.

"Living at The Grand Midori Makati is far from being ordinary," swears Joel Manilla-Ilocso, president of Federal Land-ORIX. "Its combination of state-of-the-art living experience, and design fused with Filipino ingenuity and Japanese discipline creates a visual symphony and a Zen-like setting."

Makati, still the best place to live in

The project's location within the central business district of Makati immediately places it in proximity to important destinations and institutions. But as the project name implies (*midori* means green in Japanese), this project will be all about Zen living where homes are considered private sanctuaries of surrender as an urban moment is the busy going on at the dynamic district below.

Its location is accessible to anyone's needs - such as restaurants, banks, shopping centers, businesses, and medical institutions. And these are within reach for only a matter of a few minutes with its close proximity and ten minute walk to Greenbelt's lifestyle complex.

The development allows you to indulge in the charm and serenity of Legaspi Village.

A home to suit every need and design sensibility

The Grand Midori Makati offers a wide range of studio configurations, such as studio units, one-bedroom units, one-bedroom deluxe units, two-bedroom units, two-bedroom deluxe units, three-bedroom units, and three-bedroom penthouse units.

The unique safety and privacy features of residences exist at The Grand Midori Makati provide its tenants or residents with a Personal Access Card Key or RFID, which ensures entrance only to their respective floors. Closed Circuit TV cameras and surveillance in common areas such as the lobby and floor corridors.

Room upgrades themselves are found to most units, which is located in their six condominium along Legaspi St., Legaspi Village, Makati. Premier Land-ORIX had commissioned notable names in the interior design industry such as Isabel Aguilar of Aguilar Design, Mondragon Leaño Group, Manon Consultants of RFV Consultants and Associates, and Hiyaku Hiraparna of Design Hiyaku Quezada.

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LIFESTYLE Food
Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan

Chicken-pork 'adobo' with sticky rice, mango—all in rice wrapper

'Adobolympics' yields tasty discoveries

WINNING DISH: Maria Clara, chicken-pork adobo with sticky rice, ripe and unripe mangoes, all steamed in rice wrapper.

By Yenjo Baga-Reyes

SAUCE OR dry; mushroomed or anisette brown; wrapped or stripped; spicy or sweet; garlicky or sticky-vinegary.

Adobo in all its forms took center stage at the "Adobolympics" of Makati's Legaspi Sunday Market to mark Independence Day three Sundays ago.

Twelve teams battled it out for the first ever Adobolympics Torch and the bragging rights for having the best adobo in the market.

The cook-off gathered teams, from culinary schools to professional chef, vendors of Sunday markets and aspiring cooks. Adobo lovers came to witness and firsthand taste the different versions.

First place went to Team Maria Clara, a husband-wife-daughter group, for its rendition of Chicken-Pork adobo with sticky rice, ripe and unripe mango, all steamed in rice wrappers. They brought home P20,000 cash.

The Blue Ginger Pork Adobo of Team Puerta Adobada, a group of culinary students, bagged the second-top prize of P15,000. Its interpretation of adobo played around with three sources of sourness—calamansi juice, pineapple vinegar and sherry vinegar. It used drinkable smoothie, seasoned with fresh shelled bay leaves, coriander, soy sauce and spices mixed.

People's Choice Award, or the Tito Eely Eduro Award, went to Team Adobo-X, composed of chefs and entrepreneurs, for its Lamb Adobo à la Malsardong, a unique rosemary and honey-infused lamb adobo with pan-seared foie gras. The lamb was marinated in garlic, bay leaves, brown soy sauce, sherry vinegar and lemon juice, before being browned in a high-heat pan. The group won P10,000.

"People's Choice Award is a posthumous tribute to Eduro, one of the market's beloved vendors and an icon in Filipino cooking," said Anya Santos-Ty, event coordinator. "The award was for the team that pleased the market guests' palates the best."

Criteria

Each team was composed of three members with a Philippine-inspired name. Each group submitted two main dishes (consisting of meat of its choice and a 2.5 k of lamb) and one side dishes (which were prepared in their entirety at the market. They were given three hours to work on their dishes.

All cooking equipment, cutlery, dishware, utensils, plates were provided by the host.

Judging criteria included presentation or visual appeal, palatability/flavor, cleanliness/food handling and originality/creativity.

Led by "adobo queens" Nancy Reyes-Lumen, pastry-turned-chef Gerd Matejat of International School for Culinary Arts & Food Management (ISCAM), chef Rubio Antonio of Toal Vista Hotel and foodie-cum-socialite Bibi Ermita.

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Chicken-pork 'adobo' . . .

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...ly said there were 24 team... applicants for the cook-off, but ...the organizers had to trim them ...down to 12 to make it manage... able in terms of logistics, time and space.

Judges were amazed to see the creativity of each group and considering ways to refine not the quintessential dish. Some put coloring from cubeb apple cider vinegar. One team also used pineapple juice so as cut big fat said.

Aside from chicken, pork and lamb, some teams used prawns, fish and crabs soaked with Spanish, Italian, Mediterranean inspirations. Nobody dared to use any game meats.

They also played around with coconut, dressings and old ingredients which churns sentences, saging on salsa, banana blossoms, sweet potato, coconut milk, mashed potatoes, quail egg, queso di bola, alfalfa.

There were teams that served adobo with beans and spaghetti.

Sauce is the key

More than anything, the judges were actually looking for a good blend of adobo sauce. Lumen observed that some of the teams didn't give much attention on the adobo sauce. Some of these even soaked their adobo in high heat.

"They didn't give us enough adobo sauce to use and judge," said Lumen. "For me, the most important in adobo is the sauce. Even when you say adobong tuyo, they should still be oily for me is it if you're going to serve any meat, there has to be fat. If you're scared to eat the fat, cook it one day before you serve it. Otherwise, your meat is going to be dry."

"We also noticed that all their beans are in medium, our love it should have been really simmering or slow cooking."

But, what really makes an adobo, adobo?

"Adobo is not a dish but a manner of cooking," Lumen said, who wrote with Namie Akiyoshi the best-selling book, "Adobo."

"To call it adobo, it has to have an equation of an acid, garlic, peppercorn and soy sauce. To some it, you can add any sauce or to make it really savory add soy sauce and water. If you

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CHAMPION! Team Manila Clara led by dad-chef Jose Montero with mom Rosanna and daughters Alia and Maxine

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Where to find authentic Thai cuisine

Sandy Daroy

After many trips to Bangkok, I think I can now tell the difference between authentic and 'Filipinized' Thai cooking

THE FIRST time I tried Thai food was at a dinner given by a friend, Chito Reyes. The invitation was to Flavors and Spices in Makati.

At that time there was a buzz about this place, which had just moved from Mckinley to Annapolis Street in Greenhills.

I had no idea about the cuisine. The first spoonful I had was an appetizer called Hoisin Salad. I flipped. You couldn't imagine the flavors that burst in my mouth—sweet, spicy, sour and salty.

The salad had fresh sliced purple onions, thin strips of crunchy sour green mango, desiccated coconut, coconut milk, peas and some sweet herbs.

Then the other dishes—fried rice, panang chicken, curiosa chicken, a flaming aluminum dragon with a sweet reddish spicy chicken inside, stir-fried veggies.

Oliver Ramada, the owner, eventually opened Thai Room with her female Thai chefs. That, too, was a success. Since then, I've become a fan of this cuisine.

My mom and her partner Sylvia Lim opened Mai Thai, also with some former chefs of Flavors and Spices. There, I got to see how real Thai food is prepared and the skill that goes into the preparation.

It is no wonder Thai food is such a hit all over the world, it has its own distinct, exotic flavors.

After many trips to Bangkok, I think I can now tell the difference between authentic and "Filipinized" Thai cooking. There are many Thai restaurants in Manila today. I would say only a few are authentic. I love Joan Kan one.

Also, it is hard to find what I consider a complete restaurant these days, with good food, nice ambiance, great service, beautiful decor, clean washrooms and a reasonably priced menu.

People's Palace

Recently I got an invitation to one—People's Palace. It was Chanlle Carmona's invite for a move up with a catering theme: model, Anna Francisco. Chanlle had been to this place many times but asked me to do the ordering, instead of doing it himself.

One of my cheap thrills is browsing through a menu. What I ordered for the group: Pancit canton, Pork Chicken Satay, Morning Glory (stir-fried kangkong, Thai-style), Duck Curry, Phad Thai (fried version of pancit), Kao Soi or fish with coriander with sauce, Goong Ananag (fresh prawns wrapped with egg noodles then deep fried with a sweet spicy sauce on the side), fried rice, Pandan Chicken and a crispy and soft udon noodle dish (my favorite). If I were forced to choose one.

Close your eyes and point to any of these dishes, and it would be a winner. Almost all of them were a 10/10 in my friends who are regulars in this place.

The restaurant is beautifully decorated, too, with elegant tables and chairs. I wonder who did the curtains.

Price is simple and sweet. Thai cuisine at its finest? Check this place out, it comes highly recommended—People's Palace, Greenhills X, Ayala Center, Makati tel. 7260486.

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"ADOBO Queen" Nancy Reyes-Lumen checks on the presentation, flavor and uniqueness of each adobo dish.

ADOBO judges chef Ruben Acosta, chef Carol Mongo and hosts Mel Orosa

PEOPLE'S Choice Award for the Sta. Cruz Kalan-Awan goes to Team Adobo 3 composed of Lord Andrieu, Alvaro Kalinich and chef Mark Flowers.

TEAM Tierra Adenosia, composed of Isiah Ortega, Carina Lacuesta Pamela Acha, emerges the runner-up prize from the judges.

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Chicken-pork 'adobo' with sticky rice, mango . . .

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take out the vinegar it's still an adobo for as long as you leave an acid in it. The acid is the factor here and that can cook the meat and that will tenderize it to slow cooking can be an adobo. But then, it's just like pakuluan if you only use acid alone."

Adobo is slow food. It has to be simmering in low heat. The bubbles should be on the side of the pan, not boiling in the middle. It should be well-covered so that it will cook and let its natural process. No need for a pressure cooker.

Despite the lack of savor or the "deconstructed" treatment of the adobo presented by the participants, Lumen was still pleased to see the ingenuity of each team.

"We were really happy," said Lumen. "We have to encourage them to jazz it up so that the presentation will change and it will have a different appeal to different people. We always have to keep in mind that the audience does not know adobo yet. They've heard about it but when they see something brown they're scared to eat it. But most diverse presentations, that's their kids are the key to the global approach."

Maria Clara-inspired adobo

Champion team Maria Clara was led by Jose Mariano with Rosanna Uncio and daughter Abi. This is the first time they joined a cooking competition as a family. It was the team's idea to join the cook-off since they all had an interest in adobo.

Mariano works as a chef at Brasserie Bobotie in Dahodo Village, Makati. Rosanna is marketing manager of a garment company and loves to cook as a hobby. Abi babies in between school (Colegio de San Agustin) and other house chores.

"Our adobo recipe was inspired by Manila Chefs or at least what we think he's pursuing," said Mariano, a graduate of Emile Ler Ruben Bobotie. "Maria Clara, meaning the rich-ness and tenderness of a mom, an represented by the adobo mom; the sweetness and saturation of a woman represented by the mangoes, wrapped in a cute, whether the rice wrapper."

Their chicken-pork adobo was meant to be a little dry and quite sticky but added magic to the dish. They used cane vinegar for the adobo. They accompanied the adobo meal with the ripe and green mango slivers alternately next to the sticky rice, rolled it up in a rice wrapper tightly.

Team Tierra Adenosia was led by Isaiah Ortega with members Carina Lacuesta and Pamela Acha. Also known as the Team Hardcore, the group has been joining various cooking competitions for more than a year now, including last year's Iloilo fi-esta.

Adobo X was composed of Lord Andrieu, Alvaro Kalinich and chef Mark Flowers. They normally have a stall at the Legaspi Market named Kalesa where they serve gourmet Pinoy food. They intended to surprise the judges and guests by bringing European flair to classic adobo recipes.

Other participating teams were Pepperkids: Eladio Reyes, Ben Sorter and Federico Malabay Jr.; Lutong Matapo (Dan Kan, Lara Kara and Sherwin Sputla) (Kabalikang Khanong Bahay, or BKB (Lesley Contreras, Toni Cuanzon and Marvel Singular); Kawas-Tunong Kusinero ng Batipuhan or BKB (Oswald Cacho, Shara Mangiran and Kevin Bermudez); Ang Komunidad ni Lamao: Jillaiza Isabel Bautillo, Jimelen Hidalgo and Ariel Villanueva; Team BBK Hamburger Steak (Steve Ang, Stan Phanbao and Mike Galicot); Agatinidad's Army (Jose Eduardo, Juan Gaza and Bonivin Bardaji); Dragons of Cool Blood (Christian Gamolo, Elmer Cruz, Charis Quiambao and Rose Esperal ; and Strag at Pugapao (Ms. Elsie Baza, Levi and Pabalanza and Cherwin dela Cruz).

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BASE Ginger Pork Adobo by Team Tierra Adenosia

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Maria Clara 'adobo'

80 PAM Mariano and family Makes: 6 hot servings

- 500 g chicken breast, cubed
- 500 g pork belly, skin off, cubed
- 50 ml vegetable oil
- 6 pcs garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 2 pcs shallots, minced
- 60 ml Silkenstar soy sauce
- 180 ml Datu Puti premium cane vinegar
- 60 ml water
- 2 tsp black pepper corn, fresh ground
- 1 pc bay leaf, dried
- 2 pcs plain sayote
- 2 pcs ripe mango halves
- 1 pc green mango, half
- 4 pcs rice wrapper

In a heavy bottomed stock pot, heat vegetable oil over medium heat. Add pork belly cubes and sear until a wooden spoon, until mustard on all sides. Add chicken breast and sear until mustard on all sides. Remove meat from pan and set aside.

Add garlic and sear until tender, about 3 minutes. Add shallots and sear until tender and translucent, about 2 minutes. Return meat to pot. Add in vinegar. If should already dissolved, lower heat to low. Let simmer for 5 minutes. Add soy sauce and water. Stir to evenly coat all meats. Add pepper corn and bay leaf. Let simmer uncovered to reduce the liquid by ½, stirring occasionally about 30 to 45 minutes.

Test for tenderness of meat. If still not able to flake the meat easily with a fork, add 100 ml water and simmer for a few more minutes. Meat should easily fall off and once cheeld be thick and sticky. Remove from heat and let cool.

In a bowl, pound mango until it resembles one glob of sticky rice. In another bowl, soak rice wrapper in warm water until pliable, about 1 minutes. Slice mango halves horizontally into thin slices. Lay rice wrapper on a clean wooden board. Spoon adobo on the bottom third of the wrapper, forming a line, leaving space to roll up. Spoon sticky rice next to adobo along the line. Arrange ripe and green mango slivers alternately next to the sticky rice. Roll up wrapper tightly around the bundle, and serve warm or cold.

Blue Ginger Pork Adobo

By Isiah Ortega and team. Makes four servings

- 1 k pork finger ribs (both primal and approximately 4.5mm)
- 3 g fennel bulbs, finely chopped
- 3 pc fresh Holland bay leaves, minced
- 3 g coriander seeds, pounded
- 20 g dried shiitake mushrooms, rehydrated
- 4 g black peppercorns, crushed
- 10 g leeks, thinly sliced
- 60 g blue ginger (galangal), julienne
- 75 g garlic, pounded
- 2 tbsp cane/coconut vinegar
- 3 tbsp sherry vinegar
- 5 tbsp calamansi juice
- 3 tbsp light soy sauce
- 5 tbsp sweet sauce
- Purslane leaves and cilantro

Infuse the first bay leaf in the oil over medium heat. Add the pork and sear, once brown and seared, transfer on a holding container. On the same pan, sauté the leeks, garlic, blue ginger, and coriander seeds. Add all the vinegars and let boil for a minute without stirring.

Bring the pork back on the pan and add the calamansi juice along with the soy sauce and oyster sauce. Add the rehydrated pepper, bay leaves and mushrooms, and the remaining bay leaves. Simmer for an hour or until tender, adjust seasoning and let it soak for another hour. Garnish with purslane and cilantro.

LIFESTYLE *Food*

CRISPY chicken with lemon hummus and pan-fry polenta

Truffle festival at Masseto

The world's most prized fungi is now gracing the table of one of Manila's A-list restos

CHESTNUT Crepe with Nutella and Cream

By Marvin Cloblanca
Contributor

THEY LOOK like pinecones that just crawl out of a bonfire. With their rough texture, bumpy appearance and irregular shape, they'll probably be considered the ugly duckling in the

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Old Manila's new chef serves up surprises

By Erica Paredes
Contributor

MANILA PENINSULA has a new chef—Samuel Lindor. Some of you may know him from Aubergine Bistro, and if you do, expect plenty of good things.

Lindor, originally from the small village by the lake of Brienz in the center of Switzerland, is now Old Manila's chef de cuisine.

For 10 years, he was head chef of the Swiss army, leading a team of 12. He has also worked at Conrad Hotel in London, Burj al Arab in Dubai, and Aubergine and DCAOM (International School for Culinary Arts and Hotel Management).

So how does one revise a menu very familiar to its regulars clients?

"There are some classics I kept such as the Smoked and Beef," Lindor said. "However, I changed or transformed most of the dishes based on the availability and quality of local products."

Lindor said he believes that the main ingredient, be it lobster or steak, should be the star. He explained he cooks his food accordingly, choosing the right cooking techniques to accentuate flavor, texture and color.

We were recently treated to a night of taste coming his newest menu additions. We started with a small bite of Pumpkin Tuile Tuile with Roasted Lemon Cream, accompanied by a sparkling portion of Pan-seared Foie Gras, a combination Lindor loves both in terms of taste and texture.

The second course was an Alaskan king crab served two ways: Grilled, and the other a cold dish topped with compressed fruit tartar; both served with Golden trout Caviar.

The third course was Espelette Chili Jus Glazed Lobster and Steamed Asian Greens, comprised of surprisingly small but no less tasty lobsters served with Jamon Iberico Glaze and sweet accessories.

Our main course was a Duo of Australian Lamb, cooked perfectly pink and juicy and accompanied by potato gratin, eggplant caviar and zucchini and chorizo ragout.

This was followed by Caramelized Goat Cheese with Truffle, sauteed honey, bourbon, vanilla crème fraiche and blueberry compote, or in other words, heaven on a plate.

Lastly, dessert was a wonderful surprise of Dark Forte chocolate bar served with orange, sprinkled with Peruvian pink salt and rose peppercorn. It was a wonderful medley of unexpected flavors that was a perfect ending to an already satisfying meal.

For those planning to visit Old Manila, expect familiar tastes with unexpected twists and turns that will never leave your taste buds bored.

CHEF Samuel Lindor

CARAMELIZED Goat Cheese with truffle, sautéed honey, bourbon, vanilla crème fraiche and blueberry compote

ALASKAN king crab served two ways—grilled, creamy cake with the other a cold dish with fruit tartar; both served with golden trout caviar

SEARED Aussie lamb

Samuel Lindor used to feed the Swiss army. Now he's set to feed wonderfully Peninsula denizens

● LINDOR IS a fan of Filipino food, singling out adobo, chicharon, kalderetas and chicken cincoy among his local favorites. "I love the tastes, ingredients and process here," he said. " I realized if you source the produce right, you will be satisfied with the quality and value for money."

"The same goes for salad greens and veggies," he continued. "I am constantly in touch with organic farms to find out what can be grown locally to lessen having to import products and also to help the local economy."

● "I often eat embutidos, maybe because of the stressful job and not enough time to eat," Lindor said. "At home I love clear soups and pares."

● Lindor has always been fascinated with flavors and food and was motivated to cook at home at a very young age by his father, who was the main cook in their house. "The final decision to become a chef was more of a coincidence," he said. "I needed to do something with my hands where I needed to be under pressure."

Truffle festival at Masseto

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transition items.

So valuable are they that connoisseurs auctions are held to sell them to the highest bidders.

Several years ago, one would never have seen them in the Philippines. Today, thanks to the booming haute cuisine (and to more permissive importation laws), truffles occasionally make an appearance in Manila's high-end restaurants.

Already they've been playing a starring role in the menus of Masseto, a restaurant run by that has been drawing the A-listers of Manila society since it opened two years ago.

Come July 1, with the arrival of a new shipment, truffles will become even more prominent in Masseto's menu, says executive chef Tippi Tambeating.

Truffles it is say that truffles can do to a dish what a diamond can do to a woman's appearance. A plain omelet, a roasted chicken, or a baked potato can become elevated in the realm of gastronomic heaven when dusted with a few shavings of truffle. Even a meal-ific already guilty in appearance and in ingredients can benefit from having a few grams of truffles cooked in.

At Masseto, chef Tippi, a graduate of Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, makes the most of these prized mushrooms. In one appetizer, thinly sliced truffles make up an egg that's been baked in a soft-boiled consistency. The earthy aroma of the truffles permeates the dish, perking the appetite even before the first spoonful is savored. It also serves as a kind of teaser; if this is the appetizer, what would the next dish be like?

WARM Chocolate Cake with Honey Ice Cream

CHEESE Souffle

PECORINO Ravioli with Mushrooms and Truffle Sauce

PRAWNS with Onion Puree and Mixed Greens

Heavenly ravioli

Since we were having a degustation lunch, the next dish turned out to be truffled ravioli: Pecorino ravioli with mushrooms and truffle sauce. This was one OMG moment.

My companion Maja Oliveros Cu said I couldn't stop exclaiming as we relished the ravioli filled with a mixture of Pecorino cheese, spooned with a Fungi mix sauce that had a very emphatic truffle flavor. It was "mmm... mmmm... mmmm!" from the very first bite to the last. If we had said "mmmm" some more, we would have sounded like a pair of cows roaming in the meadows.

Although that dish was hard to surpass, the next one was a worthy successor. Tagliatelli, long ribbons of thin noodles, drizzled with olive oil, crowned with generous slices of black truffles. Because chef Tippi didn't embellish this dish too much, we could savor the truffles in their purest form against the neutral taste of the noodles.

Nutty, earthy and lasting somewhat woodsy, it was like food conjured by mythical creatures of the forests, tasting it was like eating a mysterious secret of the soil, or something magical, or both.

Cheese souffle

As outstanding as the truffle dishes have been, chef Tippi made sure we also tasted other dishes to her repertoire that were inspired by her travels in Europe. We had a pastoozy main: cheese souffle with apples of toasty brown nestling on ice cream.

As good as it was to look at, the crust collapsed into heaps of flavor with the pressing of a spoon of Comte cheese, an aged French cheese made from unpasteurized cow's milk. Nevertheless, the crust retained some crunch, providing a contrast in textures to the airy soft cheese filling.

We also had a panna dish smothered with an onion puree and a reduction of prawn broth flan, said chef Tippi, had been simmered for six long hours to concentrate its flavor.

A dish of chicken marinated in garlic, thyme and rosemary was topped with paisan bonito, an air-dried mature, tuna-tuna-like taste from Spain. The base had been fried to a crisp, making it more like high-end bacon. Likewise the skin of the chicken was very crisp, and was made more flavorful by the accompanying reduction of sherry and cream.

Between all these delicious bites, Maja kept raving over the desserts of Grand Master souffle, which she said was her favorite of all. When finally it was served, I understood why. The golden crust that covered the top of the dish hid a creamy custard of egg whites that was fluffy, light and, as Maja said, was "to die."

Like a real star, this dessert called for some drama, aptly provided by the ceremonious pouring of Grand Marnier and vanilla sauce. Though we had both opted not to have wine with our meal, Maja and I still had our sense of liqueur with the very pronounced flavor of the Grand Marnier in the souffle.

We tried two other desserts, too: homemade vanilla ice cream with chestnut crêpe and chocolate cake with caramel sauce, paired with honey ice cream. Both were satisfying, and perhaps if we hadn't had the Grand Marnier souffle, we would have swooned over these, too. But as it was, nothing seemed to top the Grand Marnier souffle as everything after that was anticlimactic.

The thought of those mouthfuls, however, still linger in my mind. "There's a new shipment coming in on July 1," chef Tippi kept saying excitedly. The new supply would certainly boost their presence on the menu, but Tippi says they can only serve the truffle dishes as long as their supply lasts.

Along with the new cache of truffles, there would also be ripes, wild mushrooms from France, which, though not as rare as their truffle cousins, have merits and flavors of their own. Already I can't imagine what delicious dishes Tippi would make of them.

Masseto is at 124 Rufino St., Salcedo Village, Makati, tel. 8935555, 2308826. Open Monday-Saturday for lunch and dinner. Brunch served on Saturdays.

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What separates Lechon de Cebu from the rest

CEBU lechon and, at left, chef Bricks Hermosa

KITCHEN RESCUE

Reggie Aquino

PHOTO 1 think of the Queen City of the South, in the hour is always top of mind.

Which is why when I got the chance to talk to my favorite Cebuano chef, Bricks Hermosa of BriCris Foods, we end up talking about Cebu lechon.

Like many Cebuanos, he knows his lechon. When I asked him if he knew how lechon came to be, he quipped, "Si tsa ahon?"

According to Hermosa, "In Cebu daw, may nanonong sa lechon. All animals were able to escape except the pigs. The hero owner smelled something good from the mine. He then saw the pigs, roasted in the fire, with dalon coleys and goddess. When he tasted it, not only was it intensate, it was also delicious. So when the hero owners wanted 'to chat,' he built a small hero and set it on fire."

"The practice became too costly that eventually it came down to roasting pigs over an open fire... and with the many Chinese broilers and spices available to him, the hero owner found himself improving and enhancing his lechon."

"Si ano ang isang sikreto ng Cebu lechon—apoy?" adds Hermosa. "People think it is roasted over charcoal. No, it is not. If you want crispy lechon, don't use coals, use fire."

He can account for, she still sit in the center of each loaf—dried and used to make the fire for roasting. Another factor is perfect timing—required to make perfect lechon."

Former Mandaluyong executive chef Ruben Austria (now executive chef of Taal Vista Hotel) was sent on a mission to Cebu to master the art of making the perfect lechon. Austria and Sotiangco went to observe and learn as much as they could on the subject.

Austria noticed the use of Camot ang uncut (Camot has slight hints of sweetness), available only in Cebu, rubbed inside the carcass and on the skin, with native spring onions that grow wild in Cebu.

"I went to Barakobakon, the old Cebu market last Sto. Niño Carindeler, at 5 a.m. just to observe the ingredients. The freshly harvested wild spring onions were in abundance, wrapped in banana leaves, probably around 14 kilos per bundle. The spring onions are here here in Manila in a small version compared to Cebu's. It is to become onion leeks and scallions in the US."

Talisay City

"Showering silent to lechon, but the most popular are those from Talisay City, Cebu. Always lechon makers are original. Lechon Talisay. It is a seaside city and it became popular because they used to sell it to the weekend beach goers," says Sotiangco.

Austria adds: "Talisay is where the best Lechon de Cebu come. Don't—don't the taste of Sugod. Isa, according to the locals. It was created by the community was roaming lechon, all inserted for other hotels or by Manila lechoneros."

"It is the saltiness from the rock salt, the delicate texture, the pungent flavor plus the aroma of roasting rice or live over hygiene pork that includes our virgin, grown for the marinade and spindles. The seasoning secret of the best garlic, all imported from the native house in Singapore and sent to all branches across the world. Eventually, BRICRIS is using native pork from Cebu. Sweetness and berry aromas which is fermented with Tuscan Herbal for robust juice that roasting. And the skin don't burst so quickly down during their because it WON'T so experts are trained in Brick the pig so quick in 15 minutes! Tweet to experts temperature is pierced to the bone, but anyone seen juice – even be first tested!

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Buffet

I cannot wait to drive up to Tagaytay's Taal Vista Hotel to visit Chef Ruben. Her quest to study the native lechon of the Philippines has led her to create a lechon buffet done four ways—Tagalog, Ilocano, Cotabato and Cebu. *For info on Chef Ruben's lechon buffet, call 840-4141/1000.*

To my dearest Bricks and Ruben, thanks so much for sharing your knowledge. I look forward to more tasty dinners and mouth watering conversations.

For any one making class schedules call 0917-1543000, 0908-1872046, 4008400, 9289200.

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Diabetes Care Center

Diabetes Club grand launch

Diabetes is one of the most debilitating diseases of our time. According to a study from the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 220 million people worldwide have diabetes. It is predicted to become the seventh leading cause of death in the world by the year 2030.

Premier health institution Makati Medical Center understands the ever growing need for proper management of the disease that is why more than two decades ago, MakatiMed inaugurated the Diabetes Care Center. With the center's launch in 1984, MakatiMed became the first ever hospital in the country and in Asia to offer a diabetes educational clinic for a comprehensive management of the disease.

Last May 31, 2011, MakatiMed marked another milestone in diabetes care by opening the center's first ever Diabetes Club.

During the launch, May 31, Noime, MD, head of the MMC Diabetes Care Center, gave participants an in-depth lecture on the global burden of diabetes, the staggering seven-fold increase in the number of diabetics in just over 20 years, the overwhelming cost of treating diabetic complications and the heartbreaking results of the disease.

In her lecture, she mentioned the report of the International Diabetes Federation regarding the non-availability of a balanced Diabetes Program in many countries of the world, including the Philippines. MakatiMed to be one program on diabetes, there's also the unfortunate truth of its lack of implementation which only goes to show that most of the diabetics, including Filipino diabetics, are mostly on their own. On top of the overwhelming facts and figures on the disease, Dr. Noime further underscored the importance of having the correct diabetes management program.

According to Dr. Noime, unlike other diseases where medications alone can treat it, there are a lot of other components to diabetes treatment—from knowledge of the disease process to medical nutrition therapy, glucose monitoring, exercise, and psychosocial adjustment. "That is why it is necessary for a diabetic to understand the nature of his or her illness because it is only through understanding the condition will the patient be able to live with it," Dr. Noime explained.

Primary to the treatment of diabetes is to be part of a diabetes care team. Each team is made up of his own diabetes specialist (the diabetes educator, nutritionist, nurse educator, foot specialist, exercise coach, and of course, the most important person in the team, the patient himself).

But beyond the family members and healthcare providers, Dr. Noime said a diabetic can gain invaluable support from other people who understand the unique challenges and emotions he or she is experiencing. "In a group, a diabetic may feel more comfortable because the patient can share the same concerns, similar experiences and frustrations, and may find answers to questions he or she has but is afraid to ask. And what better way to expand this group than start it inter-a club?" Which is where MakatiMed's Diabetes Club came in," Dr. Noime said.

Dr. Noime also gave emphasis to fact that each diabetic be an advocate of his or her own health by being proactive about his or her condition. "I believe that the secret of treating diabetes lies in a patient's own hands," she added.

In between talks, club members were treated to a myriad of booths from the club's different sponsors offering freebies and test sampling tests from the nonexistent members by the club organizers and sponsors.

Under the Diabetes Club program, members can enjoy a year-long monthly symposium on some of the most pressing issues about diabetes on top of all the other free lifted activities, programs and benefits that come with being a member including discounts on insulin and HMC diabetes laboratory package, discounts on food supplements and select diabetic medications and diabetes services in the DCC. A member can also enjoy special access to other persons of diabetes supplies and gain free access to regular diabetes gatherings sponsored by the HMC Diabetes Care Center and take part in different lectures where leaflets, brochures, and other educational tools, as well as private areas alongside the many games and other fun activities they can participate in.

To become a member of the club, sign up for any of the Diabetes Education program in the HMC Diabetes Care Center through a referral from a diabetes specialist.

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Thai cooking classes in Dusit

DUSIT THANI HOTEL. Thai Restaurant's cooking classes are back. Thai master chef Phachanporn "Tan" Nimsiri takes you aside her eating as you learn how to make Yam Som O (vegetar or vegetable pomelo salad) and Tom Yam Gung (for July 5 and 19) and Pad Gung Sod (hot stir with prawns) and Larb Moo (spicy minced pork salad) on July 12. Enjoy your own cooking with a serving of steamed rice and a round of pomelo juice. Classes will be at the restaurant's kitchen. Priced at P1,600 net per session. All students will receive aprons and recipe recipes, as well as a 10 percent discount on the Dusit Thani Manila Cookbook. Only 12 slots are accepted per session. Advanced reservation and payment are required.

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Japanese festival in Baguio

Baguio Celebrates Philippines-Japan Friendship Month with Cultural Exchange Programs.

The Philippines-Japan Friendship Month is celebrated in the month of July to commemorate the designation of July 23 as Philippines-Japan Friendship Day in the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the diplomatic relationship between the two countries in 2006.

"Over the Milky Way" Cultural Exchange Programs presents a Japanese Film Festival featuring 13 films to be screened until July 13 in Benguet State University, University of Baguio, Saint Louis University, University of the Cordilleras and University of the Philippines-Baguio, and July 18-21 at Baguio Museum.

An exhibit which showcases the photo exchange between of Filipino and Japanese photographer will run July 8-July 20 in Baguio Museum. The exhibit features 15 iconic shots taken in Japan by Filipino photographer Rollid de Guia, as well as 15 Philippine landscape photos taken by Japanese photographer Yoshihiko Kano. Japanese posters and also be on display. Ten different Japanese films showcasing the different aspects of Japanese culture will also be shown in Baguio Museum. Baguio Tanabata (Bamboo) Star Festival will also be held.

What's Up

Sun Shop in Mo-a Davao

Sun Cellular, in partnership with One Live Communications, recently opened The Sun Shop Express in NCCC Mall, Mo-a Davao. The outlet carries Sun's reliable and affordable communications packages ranging from landline, cellular and broadband services.

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Shangri-La Mactan's new Italian chef introduces Milanese specialties

Acqua–known for the best thin-crust pizza–has additions on the menu

PERHAPS NOT many know that among the best—if not the best—thin-crust pizza baked in brick oven is found at Acqua, the award-winning Italian restaurant of Shangri-La's Mactan Resort and Spa.

Its four-cheese pizza, with salmon, is to die for, and so is its pizza with parma ham. If there's a rush-in-your-mouth pizza, the selection at Acqua is it.

To the all-time favorite pizza, new dishes are being added by Shangri-La Mactan's new Italian chef, Marco Ghirri.

Among the dishes Ghirri has introduced and which are getting good reviews from Acqua guests are the Minestrone Classico Lombardo soup, the White and Green Focaccine with Parma Ham and Aged Ricotta Cheese.

For main course, Filetto di Manzo alla griglia con cernoa di Gorgonzola e patate arrosto, and Pasta Fettuce. For dessert, he's serving up the Tre-di Panna cotta: cioccolata, fragola, Vaniglia e menta.

A native of Milan, Ghirri has more than 16 years of culinary experience.

He has worked for iconic establishments in Italy, including the Restaurant Trigabolo, famous for being one of the restaurants in exclusive Nouvelle Italian cuisine. He also worked at the Hotel le Bonaghe and Ristorante Stefanos.

Before joining Shangri-La Mactan, he was a sous chef at the Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milan.

He is tasked with leading the kitchens of Acqua.

He is introducing his specialty dishes in the restaurant's Gran Milano' promotion, featuring authentic Milanese dishes such as Clam Soup with Sausage, Freshly made Duck Liver and Truffle Oil served with Risotto and a Classic Milanese Risotto.

"We are pleased to have chef Marco join our team," said Jojo Ryokan, Shangri-La Mactan executive chef. "His skills and passion for authentic Italian cuisine will ensure a memorable dining experience for our guests."

For inquiries and reservations for Acqua at Shangri-La's Mactan Resort and Spa, call (032) 231 0288 or e-mail restdshangri-la.com.

PANNA COTTA This (above) Shangri-La Mactan's new Italian chef, Marco Ghirri

BEEF Tenderloin topped with gorgonzola cheese, caramelized potato wedges and caramelized shallots; Minestrone Classico Lombardo Soup

Monster Radio DJ Gino Quillamor raves about an awesome new Crunch

Charms on and off the plate

This Bistro has elements of surprise –from the menu to the artworks on display

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KHANANKEE Chicken

HICKORY Smoked BBQ

CHOCOLATE Fondue

It's a self-effacing restaurant without a gaudy, screaming marquee, tucked away at the Oracle Hotel and Residences on Reclamation Avenue, Quezon City. But O Bistro has been drawing more and more foodies.

O Bistro owner Sheila Romero, a veteran of the food and beverage business, knows good food.

She has a keen understanding of the market. "The clientele is more demanding now," she said. "They are more educated. This may be because of the numerous food magazines on the market and the many lifestyle cooking shows. So people know what they want, their standards for what's good much higher."

Romero collaborated with the chef on the O Bistro menu. They came up with a mix of comfort food with a twist, and dishes with flavors that push the envelope, so to speak. "The idea is to always have an element of surprise," she said.

Menu

On the menu are Angus Beef Wagyus on mashed potato with steamed vegetables and savory glaze; Beef Medallion with mixed vegetables and mushrooms in light gravy; Chorizo Bisaya-Iza topped with strips of Parmesan cheese; Spicy Fish Sulpicue with garlic rice; and for dessert, Chocolate Fondue with marshmallow and assorted fruits.

Romero also recommends the Beef Quasi, a seasoned recipe she got from friends in Singapore. The Beef has the right texture of crisp and chewy textures with a hint oily feel, and is paired with a thick, meaty and mildly hot dipping sauce.

Other O Bistro mainstays: Grilled Pizza with wild mushroom, Hermanos Chicken and Hickory-Smoked BBQ with generous serving of onion rings.

The prices are reasonable. "One of the biggest challenges in owning the menu was achieving the highest quality of food but keeping the prices within a certain range," said Romero. At P200++ per person, the food at O Bistro is hand-picking chef's affordable.

Interiors

What makes O Bistro's interiors is the valuable mix of contemporary Philippine art, including the works of Manuel Ocampo and the Ateliers Pozo group.

The works are from Romero's collection.

O Bistro must be among the nice dining places in the country that display important artworks.

Every Thursday, Acoustic Nights adds a different flavor to the chill ambience. Guests enjoy the open mic night as they jam to their favorite tunes.

O Bistro's classic margarita, mojito and lychee martini are favorites.

Beside it is The Oracle's ballroom, a large venue that can comfortably seat 150 for round-table parties.

Romero said she has ideas on the challenge of defining O Bistro, a restaurant with great food and good ambience.

O Bistro is at Oracle Hotel and Residences across Annex to Fairgrounds. Open Tuesday-Sunday 6 a.m.-11 p.m.; www.oracleresidences.com. For reservations and functions, you may call 9267777.

French cuisine with a Pinoy twist

South African chef Hylton Le Roux gives his take on 'Pan-Asian' at The Establishment's Crystal Room

By Irene C. Perez

SOUTH African chef/restaurateur Le Roux describes "Pan-Asian" as modern European cuisine with a local spin. He recognizes that Filipino food has a distinct sweetness, even the savory ones, so he makes his French dishes in the Philippines a little sweeter, spicier.

WARM Salad of Ramos Pecans Gnocchi, Crispy Pancetta, Oyster Mushrooms, Parmesan and Pesto Oil

THE CRYSTAL Room has clean, black-and-white interiors, with crystal chandeliers and selected plants as accents. It is the dining lounge of The Establishment, a party place.

THE ESTABLISHMENT general manager Dennis Riego and guest chef Hylton Le Roux, who trained in London

Le Roux is the second featured chef in The Establishment's guest chef series. His Pan-Asian menu is available until July 16 at the club's Crystal Room restaurant in Brookside Global City in Taguig.

"My specialty is French and Italian food," he said. "I cited Filipino favorites like adobo and arroz caldo to know how to make authentic European food presentable here. I used French techniques, but added sweetness and taste flavorings to keep it from being bland."

Roast butternut soup

For starters, Le Roux prepared Goat Cheese and Truffle Mousse with Tomato Jam and Aged Balsamic or Seared Foie Gras with Almond Puree and Poached Cherries. Salad choices are White Salad of Sweet Potato, Cucumber, Crispy Pancetta, Oyster Mushrooms, Parmesan and Pesto Oil and Seared Tuna Nicoise Salad.

Diners may warm up with a soup of Roast Butternut with Asparagus Spears and Truffle Oil or Broccoli and Watercress, made richer by poached egg and crispy bacon.

Modeling an chef de partie under celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay strengthened Le Roux's knowledge in the kitchen. They worked together at the Savoy Grill in London, the Michelin-star restaurant of the Savoy Hotel.

Among Ramsay's TV shows are "Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares," "The F Word" and "Hell's Kitchen USA." He also wrote "Humble Pie," an autobiography, and recipe books "Ramsay's Best Menus" and "Christmas with Gordon."

Le Roux's tips to would-be chefs: "Work hard, focus. Some students think you just get a certificate from a culinary school, then put up your own restaurant right after. You have to start from the bottom, move and die kitchen. Have passion."

Salmon with 'chorizo'

Le Roux also worked in the popular restaurant Bo Ite Dark. He has been in the Philippines for a while, and was taught Modern European cooking at the Centre for Culinary Arts in Katipunan, Quezon City. He was the executive chef for Ayala Alabang Country Club, until he put up Pi Catering this year.

For the main course, choose from beef, chicken and fish. Seared Oil-Angus Beef Tenderloin with French Bean Confit Leeks, Onion Jam, Jus and Bonne Onion Puree; Roast Lamb Rack with Confit White Cabbage, Puree Poached Asparagus, Potato Gratin and Jus; Roast Chicken Breast with Wild Mushroom and Parmesan Risotto and Olive Oil, and Olive Oil-Poached Salmon with Chorizo and Crushed Potato Tortigon, Bonne Bouche and Broccoli Puree.

The innovative creations fit the profile of Establishment's Crystal Room as a luxurious but comfy dining place, said general manager Dennis Riego. Earlier this year, chef Alvin Uy de Baron had praised chic art menus.)

Diners may finish off with desserts such as Citrus Brulee with Pistachio and Almond Biscotti and Dark Chocolate and Salted Caramel Mousse with Whipped Cream and Toasted Almonds.

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OLIVE Oil-Poached Salmon with Sauteed Potato and Chorizo, Broccoli Puree and Tarragon Beurre Blanc (right) Goat Cheese and Truffle Mousse with Tomato Jam and Aged Balsamic

CHOCOLATE Brulee with Pistachio and Almond Biscotti

'Tinolang manok,' fish 'escabeche,' 'suman malagkit,' 'tinagaktak'—Rizal's fare in Dapitan

TWO YEARS ago, on a trip to Zamboanga City, I wanted to see Dapitan as well, curious about Jose Rizal's place of exile. But I was told it was too far to go by land.

If you look at the map, you'd have a sense of just how far it is, south to north. And my sister-in-law, whom I finally got to see Dapitan, stressed me that it would take at least six hours by land to go from point to point, traversing several mountains but thankfully on good roads.

How timely that when the steamy summer Rizal's 150th birth anniversary, a trip to Dapitan was made possible for the Department of Tourism. We were furnished "passports" that pointed out places where Rizal visited, stayed or had some connections to his or settings. Consider it an accomplishment if you are able to visit the 18 places listed here. In Zamboanga city: Notre Alone, there are eight sites indicated.

We landed in Dipolog and moved to Dapitan, first to Santa Cruz beach to the Paseo del Dr. Cuthcebu de Rizal en Dapitan, or where Rizal landed. The monument has more than a marker; there are huge bronze figures of Rizal, the host and his guards. Rizal's group was headed toward the Cuta Real, the home of the Spanish military governor Ramon Carnicero, where Rizal was going to stay for a year before he transferred to his estate. The house had three sections but still to rebuilt, I was told.

Mindanao map

In Dapitan, everywhere you turn, Rizal's hand can be seen. Near the Casa Real is the plaza where Rizal helped to beautify, planting trees which still stand and creating a map of Mindanao onto the sidewalk. The map is no longer original because Rizal made the land part with shells that were readily handed away by rains. Red and gray have replaced these, but the places still bear the old names and the water area is made of colored colored blue.

The map stands in front of the Dapitan Church and a marker reads near the dowry name this area where Rizal stood during mass. Her really friends with the Church at the time, our national hero did not really attend mass for mostly because of the homily.

Rizal's estate looks out into the sea and a local hoops it out at the back facing west. It was bought after he won the lotto with two other people (Gaumoro included). It contained his house, the school house, clinic, toilet (source) and the masoweeds. While the original structures are no longer there but were rebuilt according to Rizal's blueprints, the design

At 'merienda cena,' we chose the more meaty chicken parts rather than the scrawny neck served to Padre Damaso in 'Noli me Tangere'

COUNTRY COOKING

Micky Fenix

and the work involved will make you a believer in Rizal's genius as we stroll in his back (called engaged by his surveyors).

There are Rizalists, a cult that believes Rizal is a god, who take care of the place. They were so impressed when Rizal's great grandson, Ainsley Enrico Rizal, arrived in Dapitan last June. She (since last ancestry by Narcisa, Rizal's sister) and this is her first visit as well in Dapitan.

Caretaker

As she was set, our tricks area was served, all of which were said to be entertained by Rizal in his letters to his family or in his novels. He served in on the crudang manok, choosing the more meaty parts rather than the scrawny neck served to Padre Damaso in Rizal's novel Noli Me Tangere.

There was fish escabeche, calabasa, suman malagkit and the tinagaktak, the Muslim answer that is made of strings of boiled rice rolled into a cylinder and rolled other labor in Zamboanga City. There was sabaw, bread made from rice flour and mixed with coconut milk, the tostado strained like bibingka.

Perhaps the most memorable, at least to me, was a visit to Rizal's farm in Ramparom town. It was another parcel of land Rizal bought from his brother-in-law Gregorio Quintero, who was also a caretaker of the farm after Rizal died. It was later sold by Rizal's sister Trinidad to Fernando's son, Gumersindo, now in his 90s but still owns there but they with his son, also Gumersindo, the mayor of the municipality.

The elder Epiru is one of 11 children, all of whom were named after characters in Rizal's Noli Me Tangere. He told us that his father and the other workers knew when Rizal was angry because his hair would curl. And that his father was named Rizal's executioner, leading all the way to Manila to be with his teacher.

'Merienda'

As in all sidedoorous, food had to be there. Servers in Subanen costume (the indigenous tribe of the Zamboanga Peninsula) entertained what we were going to have as soon as the opening ceremonies at the Ramparom plaza marking Rizal's birth anniversary were over. Memorable of course were Kamanyan, suman, boiled camote and saba, and small flow-er-shaped Ambiguin sweet served with hokolate.

Fmm Zamboanga del Sure that the province decided to discover its Subanen, not headed toward Zamboanga del Sur. We stopped at Ipil town which is now part of Zamboanga Sibugay, another province I didn't even know about, making three Zamboangas in all.

The Tourism office of Region IX started to show us that Ipil had been rebuilt from the ashes after it was burned by the Abu Sayyaf 14 years ago. Local officials hosted lunch of fat eating, excellent cassa furnibue, tender steak (chicken? beef? kimchi or tuba?) and they jokingly referred to their plans as "Bubbli" to underscore both the fact that seafood here is plentiful and good and the peaceful situation the place now enjoys.

From there, we would make our way to Zamboanga City. But that would have to wait for another column.

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Japanese filmfest Eiga Sai unreels at Shang Plaza July 2

SINCE AVALON, Shangri-La Plaza is hosting this year's Eiga Sai, the Japanese Film Festival, from July 2 to 10 at Shang Cineplex Cinema 4.

Presented in partnership with the Japan Foundation and the Embassy of Japan, the festival, now on its 13th year, kicks off the Philippines-Japan Friendship Month and offers local patrons and film enthusiasts another free taste of contemporary masterpieces.

The film festival officially rolls off with an instructional screening of "Departures" (Okuribito), winner of the 81st Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 2009, on July 1, 7 pm, at the Grand Atrium. The screening is accompanied by a special performance by Nemuro Lucas, principal cellist of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, together with the group's acclaimed pianist Noemi Once.

"Departures," directed by Yojiro Takita, is a film that takes on a bizarre and unique subject with an intelligent script and outstanding acting performances, particularly from lead star Masahiro Motoki. Motoki won Best Actor at the 32nd Japan Academy Prize in 2008 and the Kinema Junpo Award in 2009 for his role in the film.

Other films in this year's festival include "The Million Yen Girl" (Hyakuman-en to Nijumaiedi Onna), a coming-of-age story that stars Japanese contemporary cinema's rising star Yu Aoi; "The Chef of South Polar" (Nankyoku ryorinin), where the chef of a research group in the South Pole cooks through great lengths to keep the table filled with delectable meals; the animated film "Summer Days with Coo" (Kappa no Coo to natsu yasumi), which revolves around a human and an amphibious creature called a Kappa, and the friendship that ensues between them.

Also: "First Friend" (Kimino Tomodachi), the touching story between Emi and Yuki, who are both bullied in school but eventually help each other overcome their personal challenges; "Children's Night" (Obentousan ha), about a dedicated reporter faced with ethical issues while covering the biggest single plane tragedy in the world; and "Yamaji City, Indian's Country" (Yamaji encounter), wherein an Ainu[...] returns to the tragic effects of the Hiroshima bombing and the deep pain it carries through generations.

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NOLI ME TANGERE SCREENINGS AT SM CINEMAS

SM Corporation CEO Jorge Ty Sr. and wife Tessie Sy-Coson Foundation

Rizal descendant Ms. Barbara Gonzalez and Mandala Jewelry president Rosie Fausto receive SM VIP for Marketing Nikki Dizon.

US Embassy cultural affairs officer Jon Nicholls with UST's Donna Carrera.

UN Habitat Asia's Regional Operations Manger Perlita Sy receives a token of Appreciation for Ms. Sherry Ru, Sr. from Peruvian General Mrp. Antonio de Gusmao and Goethe Institut Director Richard Konrad.

Lufthansa Airlines Director Paul Schenk

Rizal Day Singh

As part of the Rizal@150 celebrations, the 1961-film version of Noli Me Tangere directed by Gerardo de Leon was showcased at selected SM Cinemas nationwide in a joint partnership with the German Embassy, Goethe Institut Manila, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, the Cultural Center of the Philippines, My Rizal Project, and Beaumont Arina Productions.

When the only surviving print of Noli Me Tangere was discovered disintegrating and in technical disarray in 1969, the German Embassy and Goethe Institut asked the Federal Foreign Office to save the material. Prof. Erhard Reckwitz in Bonn and the Federal Film Archives in Koblenz collaborated on the project, and with Lufthansa providing freight services, the film was finally restored and returned by the end of the same year.

The Philippine Information Agency produced another print from the restored negatives, and the re-mastered version premiered in 1990 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. The German Ambassador HE Peter Schick later presented the restored film to the Philippine President Corazon Aquino in 1991.

Noli Me Tangere's special screening at the SM cinemas is also synchronized with the launch of Goethe-Institut's Commemorative Stamps as part of its 60th Anniversary in the Philippines and Rizal's 150th Anniversary. There are four stamps in the collection : the first three stamp featuring the statue of Jose Rizal in Heidelberg Wilhemsfeld, the founder that once stood in Padre Burgos Avenue, Luneta where Rizal stayed, and Prusko Karl Ullmer's former home in Pergasso Street pay tribute to Jose Rizal and his influence of German culture. The fourth stamp, which bears the colors of the Philippine and German flags, celebrates the strong cultural ties between the two countries.

Rizal@150 is one of the many exciting events at the SM Supermalls.

Goethe Institut Director Richard Konrad and wife Ricarda with UST's Alfredo and Evangeline Ching

National Historical Commission of the Philippines Chairperson Maria Serena Diokno with Postmaster General Rolando de Guzman and Ambassador Jose Alberto Zaldo.

Former PCGG Commissioner Jaime Bautista and Mrs. Conchita Bautista with Goethe Institut's Lutz Zaldo.

Goethe Institut Director Richard Konrad and wife Ricarda (right) with German Dab's Martina Kreiser

German Dab's Jana Kaminski holds the new stamps for Jose Rizal's 150th Birthday celebration by Goethe Institut

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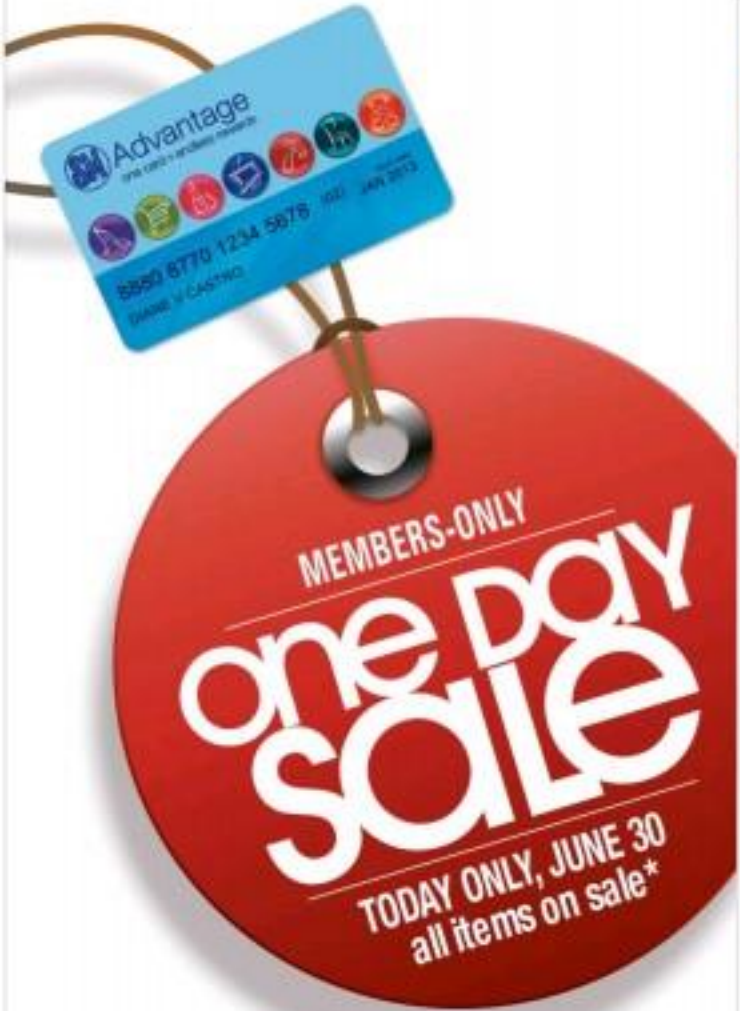

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When RMHC first reached Philippine shores in 1993, it was clear how they can truly help make a difference in the lives of Filipino children: through its flagship programs *Bright Minds Read* and *Bahay Baklit*. For 15 years since, RMHC remains committed to uplifting children's lives and creating a chain of positive changes that hopes to ripple through the community.

The early years of RMHC in the Philippines brought McDonald's to different parts of the country, providing goods and supplies to people in need. But what was clear and nagging at the very heart of RMHC was the urgent need to make a lasting impact by addressing the root of the problem of the country's struggle with poverty - education.

It all starts with 'beginning' reading

In 2002, a study in NCR revealed that 4 out of 10 students did not know how to read after Grade 3, thus triggering RMHC to focus its efforts in helping make every Filipino child a reader. Recognizing also the need to address this issue at a critical age and time in a child's education, RMHC further zeroed in on beginning reading through recognition that nowhere is improvement as an essential learning skill and at the same time spreads the love of reading. The result is "*Bright Minds Read*".

It's this third age of technological advancement, RMHC says it fit to get back to the basics and instill in children at an early age, a thirst for knowledge through reading. More than just recognizing and verbalizing words, *BMR* effectively uses tools to make learning how to read easy, fun and exciting.

Developing young minds for the future

For starters, under the program, it's a step closer to preparing them for higher education. At an early age, their comprehension and critical thinking skills are developed and honed as every *BMR* storybook is used as a springboard for students to learn oral language, vocabulary and proper pronunciation of words. Each storybook is also illustrated with colorful images that stir creativity and broaden imagination.

"I had fun during our *BMR* sessions in school. I'd do it again if given the chance," says 9-year old Reichelle Montalbo, currently a Grade 3 student in public elementary school in Makati, who is now one of the millions of public school students that have reaped the benefits of *BMR* since 2002.

For parents, *BMR* brings unparalleled joy to see their young ones master the art of reading and just in English but also in Filipino. That's because *BMR* gives emphasis both on the country's mother tongue and the universal language, but more importantly inculcates the value of reading as a skill to develop their capability for learning.

"Seeing reading enjoyment any child for as vital *Jonahmae* says. *Mahjong* has due a *Bernadeth*, *pre-s* young say *BMR* on sya, mas naging maintering sya tungkol sa mga nababasa niya. Dati mas gusto niyang mas maglaro sa labas. Kaya sa mga bagay na hindi nila maaaral in school," says Gina Sison, mother of 8-year old Bernadeth, another former *BMR* student.

Both aspiring doctors, Reichelle and Bernadeth have discovered a new found love for reading, which has translated to a better appreciation for learning. "I want to be a doctor so I can help people," says Bernadeth. "If I know how to read, I can learn enough to be a good doctor."

Creating a positive change

BMR is a partnership program with the Department of Education that provides Grade 1 students the essential tools to sharpen their skills in reading, and their teachers the resources to teach their crucial first literacy school culture. *BMR* is adopted incentive is readily, which consists of 33 storybooks, 28 of which are in Filipino and five in English. Through core trainers from the DepEd, public school teachers are trained on how to conduct *BMR* sessions through lesson plans, as well as evaluate their students through a pre-test and a post-test.

BMR has come a long way from when it was launched in 2002 with 14 pilot schools. In the same year, *BMR* was able to bring down the number of Grade 3 non-readers from 40% to just 9%, and, even then, the end of the road is still far from sight.

"We have done very well with *BMR*, but it is only a signal of how much more needs to be done," says Margot Torres, McDonald's Philippines VP for Marketing and Executive Director for RMHC. "Our mission in RMHC is to have zero non-readers in the country and our work with *BMR* will be relentless".

With *BMR* present in over 2,700 public elementary schools nationwide and in 17 regions including *ARMM*, it is only a matter of time before more students like Reichelle and Bernadeth discover their love for learning through developing their skills in reading, and ultimately, improve their capability for both. Truly *BMR* and *BMR* solidify the progressive cycle they have started of making a difference in the lives of children and their families, eventually affecting positive change in the community.

Creating leaders out of readers

With *Bright Minds Read*, children take the first step to success with every page

"I had fun during our BMR sessions in school. I'd do it again if given the chance," says 9-year old Reichelle Montalbo, currently a Grade 3 student in public elementary school in Makati

Bernadeth and Reichelle

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Few words can describe the joy kids feel when they have a safe and comfortable place to play, read, and do what they love doing the most – have fun. Each community is required to have a day care center for young children, but not all have the capability to build a secure structure, or even have one at all. Still, with more and more children needing a safe environment where they can interact with their peers and, along the way, develop their own social and personal traits, day care centers prove to be indispensable to a community.

With this in mind RMHC launched Bahay Bulilit, an initiative wherein low-cost day care centers are built in areas where they are most needed.

Little house filled with big dreams

A program implemented in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and local government units, Bahay Bulilit is a place for children 2 to 5 years old to learn crucial skills in preparation for formal schooling. Seasoned social workers, volunteers and members of the community devote time and effort to teach children social interaction, proper behaviour, and other important values.

Teacher Cles Ismith, RHMC-trained over in 2nd Bahay Bulilit in Sharon, Cainta, the fourth in Region 4, is sure for the new students enrolled in Day Care and Kinder levels. Right at its heels is the 15th *Bahay Bulilit* to be built in Batangas in the coming months.

During the turnover of the Bahay Bulilit in Marabog II, Bacoor, Cavite, Teacher Rose, a DSWD contractor in charge of the barangay's day care and kindergarten education, could not contain her happiness in seeing the completion of the children's new second home. "As a teacher and as a mother, we're always worried about the safety of our students because before, all we had was a very old kubo. Ngayon, ang ganda na. Very conducive for learning," she says.

Because their old kubo classroom has no ceiling, Dicon recalls having to talk to some 30 to 40 students in one class in a louder voice whenever it rains because the loud sound from the roof becomes too distracting.

The recently turned over Bahay Bulilit is 100 square meters big with separate clean toilets for girls and boys. Electric fans are now to keep cool, shelves in check, while plans surround the classroom for a more relaxing atmosphere.

RMHC Executive Director Margot Torres stresses the need for a safe environment, not only for the sake of the children, but also for the sake of the parents and teachers involved in the children's education. "Education is not just about schools and books, but also personality and skills," she says. "*Bahay Bulilit* provides a safe environment for young children to acquire that kind education in a place where they feel comfortable."

Responding to the Filipinos' needs

In a country where education is not the only pressing issue, RMHC has developed another program to alleviate the pains caused by loss of land and shelter from natural calamities, which are, unfortunately not uncommon.

Launched in 2007, RMHC's "*Bigay Tulong*" program has helped thousands of disaster victims during natural calamities. In this manner, RMHC uses McDonald's stores nationwide as venues where the public can easily drop off their cash or goods donations. RMHC then collects all donations and turns it over to partner organizations such as the Philippine National Red Cross and DSWD.

For more than three years, RMHC has been running *Bigay Tulong* in different parts of the country by biggest operation happened during Typhoon Ondoy, when the country was stupefied by the devastation it caused all over the Philippines. RMHC was one of the first to respond by dispatching and distributing truckloads of bread buns and juices to different barangays in Rizal, Pasig and Laguna, as well as donations of cash and other goods.

Making the community come together

The Bahay Bulilit and *Bigay Tulong* programs concretize the value of charity intrinsic in RMHC, in McDonald's, and in every individual that has become part of this supportive community.

BEING PART OF THE RMHC COMMUNITY

Over the years, RMHC has enjoined both customers and employees in extending a helping hand, united in the goal of making a difference in the lives of children and their communities.

To laugh for "Your Change can Change Lives" campaign, Mc Donald's customers, in their own little way, have donated spare change as cashiers hosted booths counters in over 215 McDonald's stores nationwide, proving the adage that 'cents to' goes a long way.

Every McDonald's **Happy Meal** sold automatically contributes 50 centavos to the RMHC, which the charity, in turn, uses for its programs.

RMHC holds an **Annual Golf Invitational Tournament** which gives corporations an opportunity to give back to the public. The yearly corporate charity event, now on its fifth year, also allows employees of different companies to showcase skills and spur camaraderie in a friendly competition.

For 15 years, the **Annual Golf Tournament**, spearheaded by McDonald's, has raised millions for the benefit of RMHC and its various projects. *Bright Minds Read* "this year, more than 50 different teams participated, including McDonald's partners, officers and employees' friends. The event also offers the chance to individuals or private companies to help in fun and exciting way.

Every November, McDonald's around the world celebrates World Children's Day through various activities for the benefit of its charity of choice. RMHC, in the Philippines, McDonald's holds **McHappy Day** where children and adults join in a fun run to raise funds for RMHC and its programs. The McHappy Day Fun Run is a celebration of family togetherness while giving back to the community.

Individuals and corporations alike are welcome to lend their help and support for RMHC through donations or participation in various RMHC initiatives. To find out more about how you can help Filipino children, log on to www.mcdonalds.com.ph/rmhc.

Megaworld Lifestyle Malls

Premier real estate developer Megaworld expands its properties with commercial developments recognized as the country's most admired lifestyle malls.

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Venice Piazza in McKinley Hill, Fort Bonifacio

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The Clubhouse at Temple Drive in Corinthian Hills

These signature developments are now all part of Megaworld Lifestyle Malls, a collective brand of commercial entities that encompasses unique living all created and developed by Megaworld Corporation. Carrying the Megaworld name in the label gives the guarantee of quality and class unique only to these developments.

The Megaworld Lifestyle Malls are Venice Piazza at McKinley Hill and Forbes Town Center in Fort Bonifacio, Newport Mall in Resorts World Manila, The Clubhouse at Temple Drive in Corinthian Hills, Paseo Center in Makati, and the three malls in Eastwood City in Quezon City namely Eastwood Cyber and Festival Mall, Eastwood Citywalk, and Eastwood Mall.

Each of the malls is a varied realization of the "play" component in the live-work-play concept pioneered and popularized by Megaworld.

Two of these are located in Quezon City: Eastwood City, along C-5, is the 24/7 community surrounded by residential high-rise buildings and a cyberpark. This place is popular for adapting well to the lifestyles of its residents and resident professionals. It has 3 different malls in one bustling community namely Eastwood Cyber and Festival Mall for techie and trendy budget finds, Eastwood Citywalk for hip shops and hot parties, and Eastwood Mall for stylish shopping and shell-shaken dining. The Clubhouse at Temple Drive in Corinthian Hills is the laid-back community center that is adjacent to high-end village and a mini-pic, which includes Sushi's Deli, Rustan's, and Indigo Salon, among others.

South of the Metro, Venice Piazza in McKinley Hill, Fort Bonifacio offers a world-class dining experience that's Italian-inspired. It is a restaurant hub that will soon be a full-scale mall, complete with retail shops, cinemas, and its own Italian-based Canal and Rialto Bridge. Forbes Town Center, also in Fort Bonifacio, is the family-oriented neighborhood that's reminiscent of suburban towns. Tucked away in a residential and business community, it's a strip lined with unique concept stores and high-end hole in the wall restaurants. Paseo Center offers a varied mix of fast foods, restaurants, and service shops for the subdivided men and businesswomen. Newport Mall in Resorts World Manila, across NAIA Terminal 3, is Manila's destination for luxury shopping and the socialites party scene.

International fast food favorite McDonald's can be found in a majority of these Megaworld Lifestyle Malls. Eastwood is, in fact, the first to have the 24/7 McDonald's in the country. Evidently, the Megaworld Lifestyle Malls are reinventing the entertainment and lifestyle industry in the country.

Expect more top caliber developments under Megaworld Lifestyle Malls in the near future. Among them are Lucky Chinatown Mall in Binondo which is set to open in the last quarter of 2011 and another one in Iloilo which will open in 2012.

The country's most admired lifestyle malls, Megaworld Lifestyle Malls, are undeniably bringing positive economic changes into the country with the property expansion of premier real estate developer Megaworld.

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HEARD

DEREK RAMSAY, now embracing at Sun Hilgard Palo Pilotes, on what makes a romantic getaway: "A woman to wear for me if she is comfortable with who she is, and is not afraid of the sun! The sexiest part of a woman's body, for me, is the neck."

ED MARCOS

Why Gary thanks Jo

GARY Valenciano credits the late musician Jo Ramos For looking him up with his long-time musical director, Mon Mencias. "I will forever be grateful to Jun For that," the singer said. Jo, daughter of former President Ferdinand E. Marcos, succumbed to lung cancer complications on Monday morning at age 64.

Gary said Jo, godmother to his second son Gabriel, joined him in "end-of-term concerts" in the '80s. Jo founded and was artistic director of the band Pomplina "Some times we would talk about Arms," Gary said. "It was [refreshing] to talk to a person who had every right to boast about her position of the time, but from whom I never heard a word about about her being the daughter of the top government official." Marinel R. Ubaldo

ANGEL Espinosa

Tough time for Andi and mom

"I HAVE a very strong feeling that she's going through a tough time. I hope people will understand," manager Ed Instrella says of Independent talents Andi Eigenmann, who's revamped with pregnancy rumors. Instrella related that Eigenmann "[t]rusted us to be invisible, I just want to work and work." Reported from Bingo Jr.

Seeing stars on CCP stage

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

GMA Magdangal and Eric Fillmore MARK ALINEA

JUST how can theater natives in a highly competitive entertainment scene?

Wanding Arnel, artistic director of Tanghalang Pilipino (TP), says that there's a "perfect ecosystem happening" in the resident theater group of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) is featuring mainstream stars in the opening and closing productions of its silver season.

Its season-opener, "Pick Me Up, Pare!" the musical staple Ang Mga "Bata Pilipinas" musicians Mark Bautista and Gian Magdangal as Cassanovas Bears and Gio Alfonso as Maria Clara, under the direction of Andie Garrucho. ("Pick" runs in the woods ends of August.)

Bernardo-titled "Lastwar," headliners Gino Bertija and Bibiu Gaudioza in Rik Joaquin's Director opinion Antonio Tanquinto as director. ("Lastwar" opens in February 2012.)

Arnel recalls that the first theater actor was "switched" by the politicization of movie stars in the past.

His debut, notes, the Philippine Educational Theater Association (Peta), mounted productions of "Lastwar" with Rita Gomez, Dante Rivero and Lolita Rodriguez, and later with Charito Solis, Phillip Salvador and Rodriguez in the 1970s.

MICHAEL G.

Hugh Hefner has new girl

CHEER FACTOR

LOS ANGELES—Hugh Hefner's new girl, almost the same age as the old one. But weeks after the Playboy founder was dumped by Miss December 2009 just before their wedding, Hefner and ex Monday he was seen dating Blue November 2010.

The 85-year-old magazine mogul moved on to Shera Bechard after Crystal Harris had second thoughts about becoming the third Mrs. Hugh Hefner. Bechard, a 27-year-old French-Canadian model and fledgling actress, moved into the Playboy Mansion in April. She will again be Miss November 2011, Hefner said on Twitter.

The Boy Scholars and "Jeanine" fan Marsters "who can open to exploring their sexu-

HUGH G.

'Departures' finally arrives

Oscar-winning Japanese film leads Eiga Sai lineup aimed at the youth

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

IT TOOK over two years, but the Oscar-winning Japanese film "Departures" has finally arrived in Manila to open the Eiga Sai Showcase at the Shangri-La Plaza mall.

Directed by Yojiro Takita, "Departures" won the 2009 Oscar for best foreign language film.

"Most every Japanese fan, we realized is mainly among the viewers. 'Departures' was consistently among the most requested films," recalled Takanori Ikuta, director of the Japan Foundation which spearheads

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"1521, the Wind" (left) and "Summer Days with Coo"

'Departures' finally...

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the annual Cine Asia (Silverscreen Film Fest).

Also, there are only four Filipino-pride copies of the acclaimed film traveling around the world. Manila had to wait until one print was available... Also, the very next Friday, explained project coordinator Rolando Gaerlan.

Special treat

At expected term, all of the 1,000 tins in the box will be shown in Ziloma Showcinemas.

It could be expensive shipping bulky film reels, but Jhaji relayed that "since the box is a cultural and not a commercial activity, distributors gave organizers special rates."

Understandably, "Departures" is in demand in film fests all over the world. Apart from the theaters, it also went at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards (best actor for Masahiro Motoki), Asian Film Awards (best actor), Emerald Star Fest (audience award), Montreal World Film Grand Prize, Cinine the East fest (audience award), among others.

Other prizewinners in this year's lineup are Kichitaro Negishi's "Villon's Wife" and Kiyoshi Sasabe's "Strong City, Sakura County."

"Villon's Wife" won best director at the Montreal fest and best actress (Takako Matsu) at the Hokkaido Sports Film Awards.

"Strong City" won best actress (Seishiko Iwai) at the Blue Ribbon Shinkichi Film Concours and Hochi Film Awards.

Some of the films were based on literary works like novels (Masuno Saruhiko's "Chirihiri Night," Sonoko Machi's "Red the Wind," "Villon's Wife"), manga/comic book ("Strong City"), even a popular essay (Shuichi Ohno's "The End of Sorrowful Ice").

Some films focus on young characters ("Red the Wind," "Strong City," Kimiko Yoshinobu's "Your Friend" and Daki Tanaka's "Our Million Days"). One of the films is the animated feature "Summer Days with Coo," directed by Keiichi Imaizumi.

Jhaji pointed out that in choosing the 14 films, the foundation aimed to "showcase contemporary Japanese society."

"Previous festivals featured older, classic films. But are many in short on the youth and popularity of modern Japanese cinema among Filipinos," Jhaji noted.

Universal issues

"'Departures' has proven to be popular among audiences because it tackles 'universal issues,'" said Jhaji. "It showcases moving and heartbreaking encounters with death. I myself went through a similar experience when a relative passed away."

The Tipo Int will run at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall until July 14, before moving to Gateway Cinema (July 22-24), Ayala Cebu (August 3-7) and UP Diliman (Aug. 17-20).

Seeing...

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In the 1990s, Nora Aunor graced the Pen stage.

It's quite "challenging" to convince crowds to watch plays, he admits.

"Casting movie stars" is one way to popularize theater among a broader audience, "without sacrificing the aesthetics because we only work with well-respected professionals from the TV and film industries," he says.

Villoteo, who has inherited both worlds (pop and theater), notes that the legitimate stage allows actors "to experience a wonderful change of work style... The celebrities I've acted with have enjoyed it immensely."

Theater discipline

In a way, crossing over to theater also lends credibility to popular actors. "The stage thrive in the discipline of theater: developing a character and performing in front of a live audience," Josef says.

It's definitely not about money, he points out. "The talent fee for two months' work in theater may be equivalent to what they earn for one taping day on TV. But once they try the stage, the real artists keep coming back."

He cites as examples Fidel Valdez, who starred in the original run and reinvented revivals of TP's "Noche Buena Zarzuela De Medina," and Pinoy Dream Academy 2's Jed Madela, who returned to "Lunsonan" after debuting in "Imortsou Obanggap" last year.

Josef relates that Valdez was just as reluctant as Dierks in accepting the offer to do Joaquin's classic play. The two veterans (viewers previously worked together in the ABS-CBN soap "Iiyong Dalawa" three years ago.

"When I asked Helen about doing theater on the set of [the TV show] Maalaala Mo Kaya, she told me that the last filmmaker Lino Brocka had made her promise to do 'Lunsonan' in the late 1980s," recounts Josef.

She will finally get to fulfill her vow to Direk for when "Lunsonan" goes onstage at the CCP in February 2012.

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5: GREEN LANTERN
6: TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON
7: TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (3D)

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2: TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (3D)
3: GREEN LANTERN
4: TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON
5: TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON

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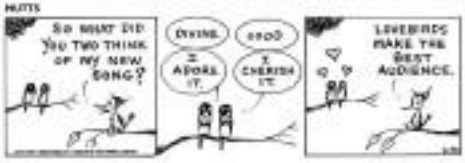

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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

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Birthdate of: Vincent D'Onofrio, actor; Mike Dann, former news division executive.

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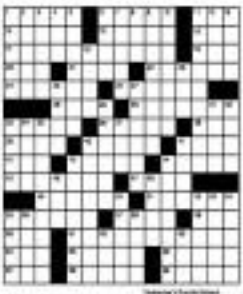

Rom-com, medical-drama modes hit discordant notes

TALK ABOUT a movie with a twist, Sam Milby and BC Concepcion's current starrer, "Forever and a Day," starts out as a breezy rom-com with an "extreme adventure sports" hook and feel to it—but ends up as "medical tragedy" tale with BC confronting nothing less than losing time the dreaded Big "C" itself. Also, despite the producers' best efforts, the production can't make the unjointly combination work.

Sam undermined

The movie's first third is frothily diverting due to its "extreme sports" angle, which as per hunt's been done to death on the local screen. However, after minutes and minutes of hectic, sporty antics, we get Sam and Jodi members, "Mona" is this story finally going to get down to brass tacks?"

That turns out to be what the movie finally reveals that BC's hyper antics are motivated by his desire to make the most out of the little time she has left, due to her terminal illness. Fine, but that dire revelation prompts by underwritten Sam's own conflicts, which are partly mock-related, and have to do with being control over a barrel of sports shoes he's designed.

After BC's much more difficult situation is dramatized, Sam looks like a shallow, whimpering wimp for getting so distraught about his relatively itty-bitty woes. That's the first negative and ridiculous element that does the movie in.

The second, the unforced shift from rom-com to tragic-drama mode, is even more off-putting—and injurious to the movie's unity and sequential flow. The jarring disjunction compromises Sam's performance because he suddenly has to emote much bigger than BC, who is made to modulate to supply much realism.

Sam Milby and BC Concepcion in "Forever and a Day." Should he take more off to watch on his "Eggdog? Yes, unless he is resigned to just be playing student "bulldozer" roles.

Discordant styles

Still, her performance also suffers from the production's relative inability to blend its two discordant styles, which ends up making its treatment of her quite illiterate (on light, yet medical and emotional).

Yes, she gets blisters on her lips and clumps of her hair fall off, but the look and feel are still too glossy and "reconstructed" to have a convincingly emotional effect on viewers.

The film's relative inept-itude appears to be due to the lapse of artistic judgement, which has softened the protagonist into thinking that it can have its rom-com gloss and its tragic dramatics, too.

A study of other "medical dramas" for the big screen shows that this is a treacherous place that can't be fathomed. Even the rare exceptions are basically at odds in terms of intent and style.

To make things worse, Sam adds his contrasting difficulty with Tagalog to the movie's unfortunates. See, Sam "Sam, yourself" to this regard, but improvement won't do the unimpressive to expected.

What to do?

So what is the actor to do—stop performing while he works hard at finally accumulating his problem? Yes, that's what the situation calls for, and as a professional actor, that's what Sam needs to do, unless he wants to contain and resign himself to mere years of playing clueless bubbleheads.

That would be a real pity, because Sam has some a long way as an actor. For instance, in "Forever and a Day," he's physically ultra-believable as the sportsman he portrays, having built up his physique, energy and dynamism really well.

Visual crutch

And in some of the drama's challenging scenes, he is convincingly "pensive" and "concentrated," unlike his previous starrers, where he just sits or wriggled it with his dark, good looks, a smile and a prayer.

Oh, you that smiles—it's one of the mannerisms visual "crutches" that weakens Sam's latest portrayal. In climaxes, rain smiles even if meant to denote heaven's and supportive love are distractions—and even contrived.

Finally, Sam can really boost the quality and believability of his screen portrayals if he simply decided to shoot down his delivery of dialogue, which is generally too fast and even "quiz-like," so if he were only too happy and relieved to be done with it.

More creative and effective actors take the time to warm up their dialogue with introspection and emotion, and this is what viewers deeply connect with and relate to.

Viewfinder

Nestor U. Torre

Hugh...

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sity with me" and "make me laugh so hard, I hyperventilate," and her profile in last year's issue.

Hanna, 25, is on the cover of the current issue, billed as "Miss Crystal-clothes." (I went to press before the results of the Bb. Pilipinas was able to rush out "runaway taste" stickers to affix to newsstand copies.

Hanna said she got jitters about being a tightly-organized life among dozens of attractive young women at the Shabby mansion, and left Bethay days before their scheduled June 19 wedding.

Heber has taken a more philosophical stance, saying last weekend that "staying single is probably for the best."

The first ...

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about the creative team is in acceptance of this whole passion that brings elation, frustration, triumph, defeat and never-ending change. New script pages would fly at us every day at breakneck speed. Unfair artistic changes to spectacularly set would harmonize and melodies. Songs that we fell in love with at a previous reading may or may not get thrown out. Those rejected are replaced by another that propels the story in a more effective and rewarding manner.

It is this emergence of fun and danger—collective humility—that truly amazes Jay called this an "open-door policy" that he would be learning from the actors as much as we'd be learning from him, Lorenzo, Stafford and Lyana.

It is this stunning of savagisms (at the same time testing period of the week in progress) that will make the next five productions fly. From reading the script, I have a feeling we will all be shedding copious amounts of tears for a myriad of reasons.

The solo person missing was George Tukan—his mother Rhoda's health keeps him away from as until around July 14, when he'll be joining the rest of the cast. It's because of him that this story is being told, as once he walks in with that signature baritone booming in the room, it'll be a great day.

I give that much power and presence over, and in thanksgiving, for the blessing of the show and the creative forces behind it.

In his opening remarks, Stafford quoted a book that a customer gave him titled "Always Say Begin Again".

"Love this life
and do whatever is done,
as a point of Thanksgiving...
Come to comfortable rest
in the certainty that those
who participate in this life
with an attitude of Thanksgiving
will receive its full promise."

And thanks, too

That my date at Café Codyle went swimmingly well, and my sincere thanks to the audience that came to support;

And that the great stars of Miss Saigon has made every single LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender) person and the people who love them incredibly happy. Belated happy Pride Weekend!

'Hermione just took up my life, all of my time'

HEARD

EMMA Watson, 19—who first played Hermione in "Harry Potter" when she was 9 years old...on how she feels now that the film series is about to end with the coming release of "Deathly Hallows (Part 2)": "There are days when I feel relieved and I have days when I feel very sad ... Because this just took up my life, all of my time. My life revolved around Harry Potter. That was the focal point of my existence. And it's exciting now that I have this time, I can accept other things. I know the press is always present, but there were moments when I was like, 'God, I wish I could go and do that' ... I swing kind of like a pendulum back and forth between all these different emotions."

The first time I'm doing a workshop

I LOVE being part of a musical that is still in development—watching the many transformations that take place makes it so worthwhile.

The last time I talked about "Allegiance" was during a reading of its script late last year in New York City. The material had grown from its previous state, but still not ready for prime time.

A couple of weeks ago, one of its creators, composer and lyricist Jay Kuo, held a little reading in his living room with members of the creative team (director Stafford Arima and musical director Jamie Shanklin) and Jay's ex-book writer Lorenzo Thione) and a few friends to see how the script and music flowed. Since then, the musical underwent some more revisions. I say this version that we began working on since Monday for a workshop to take place at the end of July.

I have never done a workshop before, so this is all new to me.

To my understanding, it isn't a full-on theatrical production with lighting, an orchestra, costumes and makeup. Sometimes, there is some choreography, staging, props, a representation of the set and, in the event that we can do it, we'll be off-book.

BACK STORY

Lou Salvaleon

The day began with actors and production people slowly filing into the rehearsal room. It was a humid morning with sunlight filtering through the windows. Chairs were arranged with our scripts and scores placed on music stands in front of the piano. A table with fresh coffee, pastries, bagels and fresh fruit was laid out for the morning's merry-and-greet.

Pin cast

At 10 a.m., the first on the agenda was an Actors Equity meeting to sign our Intent and contracts, as well as get information on current negotiations on residuals' compensation and health insurance. Next, after grabbing a little food and drink, we introduced ourselves. Well, a bunch of us knew each other already.

The cast is a mix of the experienced, including Jose Llana ("The King and I," "Flower Drum Song," "Spelling Bee") and Jon Jon Briones ("Miss Saigon") and Chin Swab—out of college. Karl Josef Co (practically with his diploma in hand). There are quite a few I've worked with in past shows and readings, as well as others I've never met before. We are a mix of Asian and Caucasian, playing different perspectives at different times in American history, and it's a story we're all excited to tell.

The one thing that continues to surprise me

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FATHER-SON ROCK

Rock singer Jed Pangan was joined onstage by his 12-year-old son Raffy on guitar during The Dawn's performance at the recent Tri Jam 88.3 Music Fest in Eastwood Central Plaza, Quezon City. The event coincided with the celebration of The Dawn's 25th anniversary. Raffy jammed with his dad on two songs, "Love Will Set Us Free" and "Salad ng Dasi."